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MARITIME UNIONS FIRM IN 85TH DAY OF STRIKE

Los Angeles Labor Rallies for Coming Municipal Elections

NAZIS, ITALY, JAPAN HIT AT SPAIN GOVT.

Goering, Mussolini and Arita Concoct Lies About "Bolshevist Menace" in Spain; Spain Militia Win Victories

ROME—Conferring on details of their pact for a robber war against the Soviet Union, Col.-Gen. Hermann Goering, Hitler's understudy, and Mussolini last Tuesday tried to provide an excuse for their flagrant intervention against the legal, democratic government of Spain, in manufacturing a "Bolshevist menace" in Spain.

Goering and Mussolini were to confer again Friday.

Japanese Lies About Spain
TOKYO—Under fire for collaborating with Nazi Germany and Italy in a war pact against the Soviet Union, Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita tried to cover up in his annual address to Parliament last Thursday by a bitter attack against the Communist International, taking the Hitler-Mussolini line that the Communist International is to blame for the civil war in Spain.

Arita, who speaks for Japan's militarist-Fascist clique, defended his anti-Soviet pact with Germany, and repeated Japan's determination to "insure stability" in China. He confirmed recognition of Mussolini's conquest of Ethiopia.

Domei News Agency reported the Japanese army is preparing a declaration to the nation demanding complete militarization of the puppet state of Manchukuo.

Govt. Victory in Six Months
MADRID—The legal, democratic Popular Front Government of Spain will defeat Fascism within six months, predicted Gen. Antonio Miaja, head of the defense junta here.

Government militia recaptured the strategic hill top of El Cerro de los Angeles, near Madrid, in a surprise action, then retreated to a better tactical position, stating "the main object of the surprise attack was to demoralize the rebels in that sector."

5 APPEARANCES BY SPAIN YOUTH

In Southern California; To Speak in San Francisco

LOS ANGELES.—The four members of the Spanish Youth Delegation are scheduled to make five appearances in Southern California during the month of February.

On February 12, Maria Simarro, member of the delegation will speak in San Bernardino. The entire delegation will appear in San Diego for the 13th and in San Pedro for the 14th.

Big Mass Meet
A banquet in their honor will be given in Los Angeles on the night of the 23rd.

Climaxing their tour of the state, a huge mass meeting will be given at the Shrine Auditorium, February 24.

The delegation is touring under the auspices of the North American Committee for the Defense of Spanish Democracy.

The Spanish Youth Delegation will speak at Dreamland Auditorium in San Francisco on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at eight o'clock. Tickets are on sale at Sherman Clay, Emporium, Paul Elders, American League, 320 Market St. Prices are 15c, 25c and 40c.

IN CAL. SOON



MARIA SIMARRO, a member of the Spanish anti-Fascist youth delegation touring the U. S. and Canada. The youth delegation will be in California very soon.

ALL AID TO THE PEOPLES' FRONT FIGHT IN SPAIN

(Statement of California State Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.)

The magnificent struggle of the Spanish People's Front against the Fascist hordes of General Franco, Hitler, and Mussolini has aroused the admiration and support of the working class and all true friends of democracy throughout the world. The struggle in Spain is the central point in the world-wide struggle of the masses of the people against the threatening onslaught of Fascists whose reactionary exponents are also raising their heads and voices in America.

Need Ever More Support
The forces of the People's Front in their struggle against Spanish Fascists and the foreign intervention of German and Italy. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

LEAVE IT TO THOSE NAZIS FOR SCABBERY

SAN PEDRO.—You can leave it to the Nazis to go in for strikebreaking every time.

With the Nazi swastika flag, symbol of murder, aloft, the Hamburg-American freighter Weser (arriving with a scab cargo from Vancouver) docked with the use of Nazi seamen at 7 a.m. Jan. 16, embarked 60 passengers at berth and 60 in the outer harbor, and then left.

This is the second scab ship pulled during the strike by a Nazi ship.

DENY RETRIAL; WILL APPEAL KING VERDICT

New Facts Showed Prosecutor Link With Juror

OAKLAND—"Have any of the defendants anything to say as to why sentence should not be passed?"

Judge Frank M. Ogden droned out the legal formula Wednesday after he had denied the motion for a new trial to the victims of the ship-murder frameup.

"Yes," said Defendant Earl King, "I have."

Whereupon Judge Ogden callously explained that it had been a fair trial, that the defendants had had their day in court, that he saw no need for any statement from King, that, in short, King could make no statement.

Craven Judge
"You are as craven as those three men. You are afraid to hear what I have to say," declared King before he sat down. The three men indicated were District Attorney Earl Warren and his assistants, Charles D. Weht and Ralph Hoyt.

Ogden was as callously par-

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AIDS PEOPLE'S SACTO. LOBBY

Johnson Will Report Conference

OAKLAND—When John Wolters, vice-president of the Typographical Union, reported back on the California People's Legislative Conference, held in Sacramento last week-end, the Alameda County Central Labor Council voted a donation of \$100 to the Conference.

The donation will go to help finance a permanent People's

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The Western Worker Drive

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS MAKE THE TOTAL READ—\$12,000!

HOLLYWOOD isn't the only place where things can be done with figures!

The Merced and Santa Barbara sections of the Communist Party are making figures really amount to something in the Western Worker's \$12,000 financial drive. They've gone over the top!

Merced has raised \$56.65 on its \$50 quota, and Santa Barbara has raised \$138.20 on its \$125 quota—111 and 110.5 per cent, respectively—mighty nice looking figures, if you ask us!

Sonoma County section is pressing to the fore with \$119.50 on its \$150 quota, 79.7 per cent.

These are small sections, inhabited by poor farmers and agricultural workers, who realize what the Western Worker means to them.

And now let's put four BIG sections, on whom the drive success depends, right hot on the pan! Here they are:

San Francisco, with only \$771.19 raised on its \$3000 quota, 25.7 per cent—this is the city that bragged about its successful recruiting drive, and that is going to lose some of its laurels, unless it gets off the dime in the Western Worker drive.

Los Angeles, with only \$1974.74 on its \$5000 quota, 39 per cent. And L. A. went over the top last year in the drive.

Oakland, with only \$344.63 on its \$1000 quota—34.4 per cent. San Diego, which went over the top in 1936, with only \$83.10 raised on its \$400 quota, 21 per cent.

THERE ARE ONLY FIVE WEEKS LEFT TO GO! THERE IS \$8197.36 LEFT TO RAISE!

Communist Party members and units—get off the dime and make the total figures read: \$12,000!

E. BAY LABOR SLATE; FIGHT PICKET LAWS

Berkeley Anti-Picket Ordinance Ruled Void; Resolution Gives Basis for Labor's Role in April Elections

OAKLAND—Preparing to have its own candidates on the ballot in the April municipal elections, organized labor of Alameda County has one of the most vital issues on its hands—the fight to repeal all anti-picketing ordinances in Alameda County.

The fight on the anti-picket law has begun with Oakland as its starting point.

Berkeley Law Invalid
Opening up a determined drive to end all anti-picket ordinances in the county, labor has been heartened by a decision of Superior Judge Leon

The committee to select labor candidates in the April Alameda County elections has been set up. Heading the committee is Gene Gallie, head of the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor. William Spooner, secretary of the Labor Council, is the committee's secretary.

Others named are: J. R. Johnson, Electrical Workers; Paula Heide, Warehousemen; John Wolters, Typists; T. J. Roberts, Operating Engineers; John Moran, Pressmen; Louis Martin, Sheet Metal Workers. The committee will have 15 members.

Gray, invalidating that section of the Berkeley anti-picket law making "picketing and loitering on the sidewalk" a misdemeanor.

A writ was issued preventing trial of Leonard Fels, warehouseman arrested last September in the Woolworth strike.

Meanwhile William A. Spooner, secretary of the Labor Council, and attorney Galliano have filed an appeal with the city clerk of Oakland asking repeal of the Oakland anti-picketing ordinance, and an affidavit of continuance on Page 2, Col. 6)

NO SURRENDER



LARGO CABALLERO, head of the Spanish People's Front, anti-Fascist government, which has withstood constant attacks on Madrid by Spanish, Italian and German Fascist troops and planes.

S. F. MEMORIAL HONORS LENIN SAT., JAN. 23

Schneiderman Talks On New Soviet Constitution; Saunders Speaks

SAN FRANCISCO—"The New Soviet Constitution," that historic document of democracy, for which Lenin worked, will be the subject of the main address by Wm. Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, at the Lenin Memorial meeting here next Saturday, January 23, 8 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

A mass anti-Fascist pledge will be one of the features of the program.

The Waterfront Section of the C. P. is scheduled to receive the prize banner in the Browder-Ford Recruiting Drive, and its organizer, D. L. Saunders, will speak.

A musical program will feature the Royal Hawaiians, Freiheit Gezanga-Verein and Bernice Mintz, pianist.

Chairman will be Frank Specator, San Francisco organizer, C. P. Half of the collection will go to the S. F. quota in the \$12,000 Western Worker Drive.

(Reports of five other meetings throughout California will appear in the next issue.)

F.D. Doesn't Plan to Curb Supreme Court

WASHINGTON—Persons close to the White House state that President Roosevelt is not planning to push any legislation to curb the powers of the Supreme Court.

Organized labor is very much concerned at the anti-labor actions of the court, and Roosevelt is going back on an implied promise to it.

LABOR SLATE GETS UNDER WAY IN L. A.

Meet Sunday to Set Up City Central Committee

LOS ANGELES—Active organization of a labor slate in Los Angeles' municipal elections this April and May, will be advanced this Sunday, January 24, 2 p. m., when Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections meets again at Painters' District Council Hall, 1748 Santee St., to set up a City Central Committee.

Forty-two local unions and central bodies answered the initial call sent out by Painters' District Council, No. 36, and all other unions in L. A. County are being urged to elect three delegates each to participate in Sunday's conference.

Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections has set up offices at 524 South Spring St., Room 224, telephone MUtal 6581. A leaflet issued states:

"The problem facing us is: How can we put into office men who will abolish anti-picketing and other anti-labor laws, who will remove such labor haters as Police Chief Davis and others,

ANTI-STRIKE BILL MENACES

Biggar Proposal For Cal. Industrial Court

SACRAMENTO—Senator Biggar's strikebreaking legislation has been introduced into the legislature. Under Biggar's proposal strikes would be made illegal. A special court would be established, to mediate disputes. The court would have unlimited powers. It could issue injunctions and subpoenas.

The industrial court was once tried in Kansas, where it proved such a union-smashing weapon that organized labor was at the point of declaring a general strike against it. It was finally dissolved because of its ill-repute.

F.R.'s Inaugural Speech Vague

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Again calling attention to the crying needs of the American people, and again failing to make concrete proposals to satisfy these needs, Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated for his second term as President last Wednesday.

"In this nation I see tens of millions of its citizens . . . who at this very moment are denied the greater part of what the very lowest standards of today call the necessities of life," said Roosevelt.

His answer to the needs was: "We are determined to make every American citizen the subject of his country's interest and concern, and we will never regard any faithful lawabiding group within our borders as superfluous."

Ask 20% R.R. Raise

CHICAGO—After meeting for a week, a joint committee of 5 railroad brotherhoods announced that a 20% increase will be asked, to apply to all the railroad unions.

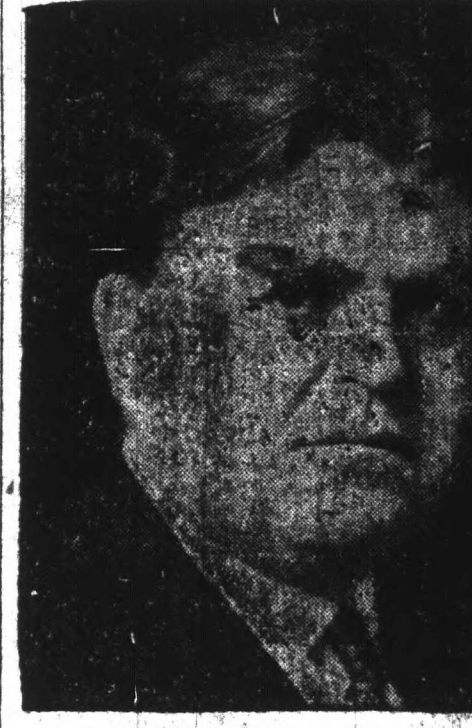
ILA OFFERS 2 PROPOSALS TO SHIPPERS

Engineers, Sailors and Firemen Reject Tentative Agreements Reached As Being Unsatisfactory

NEW YORK—East Coast striking seamen voted Friday morning to end the three-months-old strike here. All duly elected leaders remain in office and no final action will be taken until a vote of the rank and file is taken in all East and Gulf Coast ports.

The Pacific Coast ILA Executive Board late Thursday made two proposals to the shippers. They are:

PLAIN TALK



JOHN L. LEWIS, CIO head, who with Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers' Union told General Motors president Sloan, sit-down strikers would stay inside Flint plants until collective bargaining rights were granted.

MORTGAGE ACT TO BE EXTENDED

Legislature Continues It Until July 1st

SACRAMENTO.—The law preventing foreclosures on mortgages and trust deeds has been extended by the Assembly until July 1.

The measure was passed in 1935. Its extension now goes to the state Senate for confirmation. As introduced, the bill calls only for extension until May 15, but its authors amended it at the insistence of seven assemblymen.

WHAT A MESS ROSS'S TONGUE GOT HIM INTO!

SAN FRANCISCO.—At the weekly meeting of the San Francisco Chapter, Interprofessional Association, held at the Women's City Club Jan. 18, Mayor Angelo Rossi of San Francisco was the recipient of severe censure and vigorous condemnation.

One resolution condemned Mayor Rossi's request to Premier Mussolini for a squadron of military planes to participate in the celebration of the completion of the Golden Gate Bridge in May; the other denounced his anti-labor nation-wide radio address in behalf of the shipowners, on the Maritime Strike.

In accordance with the letter of October 23, 1936, signed by the 26 companies:

1. Continuation of the award of October 12, 1934, as intended by the arbitration board, with

WASHINGTON—Descending upon the capital by foot, bus and train, over 100 striking seamen won from two cabinet officers here a promise that pressure would be applied on Congress to speed action in the recently introduced Sirovich resolution suspending sections of the Copeland act for six months.

Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper assured a delegation, headed by Joseph Curran and S. M. Blinken, attorney, that he favored immediate hearings on the Sirovich resolution and that if the House committee reported favorably, he would place the Department of Commerce on record in favor of the bill.

the following modifications: (a) increase in wages of 5 cents per hour straight time and 10 cents per hour overtime; (b) corresponding increase in wages for checkers; (c) preference of employment shall be given members of the International Longshoremen's Association.

2. Agreement to become effective immediately, and to remain in force until September 30, 1937.

Should there be any question (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

ILD Sends Medical Supplies to Spain

NEW YORK—Two thousand five hundred dollars worth of anaesthetics, surgical needles and other medical supplies, purchased by the International Labor Defense, was taken to Spain by America's first medical corps sailing on the S.S. Paris for Madrid on Saturday, January 16.

Presentation of a \$2,500 check to cover the cost of these vitally needed materials was made by Rose Baron, secretary of the Prisoners Relief Fund, ILD to the Medical Bureau of the American Friends of Spanish Democracy, which organized the corps consisting of surgeons, nurses, technicians, ambulance drivers, etc.

This latest gift of medical aid to the defenders of democracy by the International Labor Defense, now brings the total amount of aid given to \$15,000. Four previous shipments of blood transfusion apparatus, serum, anti-toxins, valuable surgical instruments, various anti-septics, insulin worth over \$12,000, have already been made.

RALPH BATES, NOTED BRITISH WRITER, STIRS L.A. AUDIENCES, TELLS OF HEROIC SPAIN FIGHT

Direct from Ranks of Peoples Army, He Tells of Fascist Barbarism; Need of Gas Masks; Big Sum of Money Raised

By T. J. STEWARD

LOS ANGELES—Ralph Bates, distinguished British novelist and soldier direct from the ranks of the Spanish workers, swayed a tremendously enthusiastic audience of more than a thousand persons here on the evening of January 18 at the Trinity Auditorium into impassioned acclaim for support of the Spanish Popular

PUT DEMANDS OF WPA WOMEN

Alliance Fights for Dismissed Mothers

LOS ANGELES.—Demanding that the 2,000 mothers who were dismissed from WPA sewing projects be given employment by the State Relief Administration, a Woman's Committee from the Workers' Alliance met with the Los Angeles Citizens' Relief Committee Monday, January 18.

Usual Evasion

Chairman Young of the Citizens' Committee met the women with the usual evasion.

Pat Calahap, Workers' Alliance organizer and spokesman for the women told Young: "1200 women have been instructed to refuse County Relief. They are employable and they demand employment."

"If they don't get it, I guess that we'll have to join the seamen and picket your offices," he declared.

The LACRA is trying to put the 2,000 women who were promised employment onto the direct County Relief. The relief given by the county is below starvation levels, and the women all have minor children who are undernourished and easy victims to tuberculosis.

Young would give them no direct answer. He "hemmed" and "hayed" and said that each case would have to be "dealt with individually on its own merits."

38,000 Now Out In Flint Gen. Motors

DETROIT.—The General Motors strike has spread, following the prevention of negotiations on collective bargaining by the company.

The Buick Plant in Flint and the Fisher Body plant in Baltimore are the two latest units closed by the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO affiliate.

This brought to 38,000 the number on strike in Flint General Motors plants.

22 Assemblymen Back Youth Act

SACRAMENTO.—Twenty-two State Assembly members have endorsed the proposed California Youth Act, which is being introduced by Assemblyman Elmer Lore, of San Fernando Valley.

The bill would set up a commission authorized to provide work projects with minimum salaries of \$10 a month for high school students, \$20 a month for college students and \$30 for unemployed not in schools. A \$10,000,000 appropriation is required.

Blacklist Lettuce Labor in Imperial

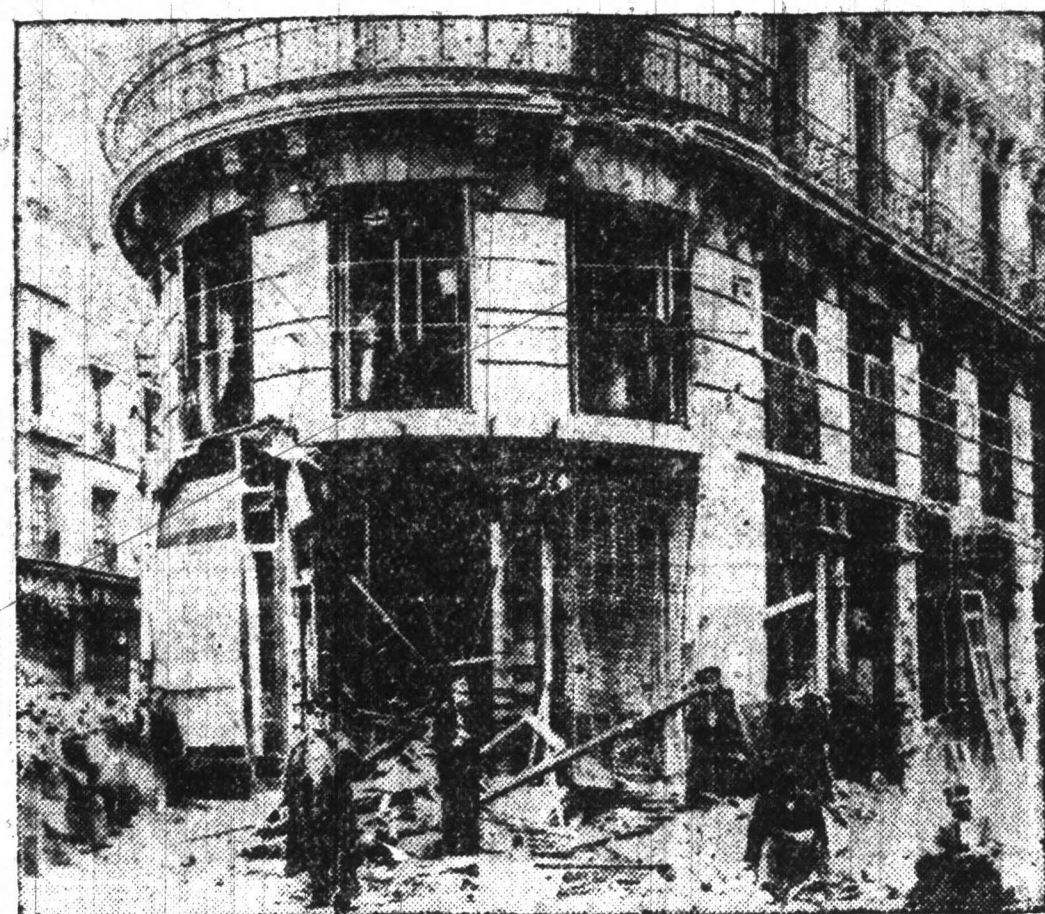
SAN FRANCISCO.—Lettuce growers and shippers are carrying the Salinas blacklist to the Imperial Valley and Arizona, Federal Judge St. Sure has been informed by I. R. Goldblatt, attorney for blacklisted Salinas strikers.

Goldblatt obtained reduction, from \$5000 to \$1000, of the bond required after Judge St. Sure had issued a temporary injunction to forbid the Salinas Valley Shippers-Growers Assn. from continuing its blacklist of former strikers.

Sacto. Resolution For Mooney Pardon

SACRAMENTO.—A pardon for Tom Mooney is sought in a resolution signed by 10 members of the State Assembly, and introduced Wednesday. The signers contend the legislature has the power of granting pardons equivalent to that of the governor.

Another Display of Fascist Barbarism



A BUILDING in Calle Mayor, leading out of Puerto Del Sol, main street of Madrid, after it had been subjected to callous and inhuman destruction which Mussolini and Hitler planes have rained upon civilian areas of the Spanish chief city.

Maritime Strikers \$1087 DONATED FOR SPAIN AID

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of the interpretation of the award as to any matter, including the question of relief gangs, such issue would be determined in accordance with the machinery provided for in the award.

PLAN B

Continuation of the award of October 12, 1934, as intended by the arbitration board, with the following modifications:

1. (a) Six-hour day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., wages to remain at 95 cents per hour straight time, \$1.40 per hour overtime; (b) preference of employment shall be given members of the I.L.A.

2. Agreement would become effective and remain in force until September 30, 1937.

We also refer to our previous understanding and correspondence regarding the checkers.

We are prepared to meet with you at once in order to discuss either of the above plans.

In case you notify us that either of the alternatives is acceptable to you, it will be submitted to a referendum vote of our membership with a favorable recommendation from the executive board of the I.L.A., Pacific Coast district.

We feel certain in that event that an immediate settlement of the strike, allowing only such time as may be necessary for the required procedure, will result.

Maintain Solidarity

As the Pacific Coast strike of 40,000 maritime workers went beyond its 83rd day late this week—exceeding the 1934 strike in length—all unions involved maintained their unity as staunch as the day when the strike began last October. The strike was in its 85th day on Thursday.

All unions remained firm in their intention not to submit any tentative agreements arrived at to a formal referendum, until every last striking union is ready to do so.

New Campaign of Falsities

Shipowners, renewing a newspaper advertising campaign of falsities, at the same time were shown by the unions to be the ones standing in the way of peace.

The Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. announced Wednesday that its members had decided to reject the tentative agreement because the shipowners insisted on the right to select men in their own way, in a manner which could open up the way to blacklisting.

Sailors' and Firemen's Union representatives also announced that the tentative agreements for those unions were unsatisfactory to the membership.

Following receipt of a wire from Joseph P. Ryan, I.L.A. international president, renewing pledge of support to the Pacific Coast I.L.A. Executive Board on the I.L.A. demands on the West Coast, the latter wired Ryan, stating:

"We ask renewal of present award with any interpretations as to its intent, be settled after strike through machinery of award."

"Employers' agreement to this, plus wage increase and preference, immediately acceptable to us."

(Ryan's wire stated he would give no support to the other unions affiliated with the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.)

Harry Bridges, I.L.A. District President, pointed out that the shipowners misconstrued the intent of the 1934 award as meaning the furnishing of relief gangs after the first 6 hours of work on a straight time basis.

Shipowners' thugs smashed 5 windows earlier this week at the Golden Gate Press, San Francisco, where the Voice of the Federation is printed.

Accion Democra Espanola Banquet Is Success

SAN FRANCISCO.—Accion Democra Espanola, which maintains headquarters at 1586 California St., raised a collection of \$1087 for the defense of Spanish democracy at a banquet last Sunday 17. Additional funds are expected from the sale of tickets. The Alaska Cannery Workers Union donated \$25.

Deny New Trial To Earl King

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tial on the hearing of arguments for a new trial, as he was during the farcical trial before a jury selected by banks and reactionary business houses.

Defense attorneys showed that Wehr had drawn a will for the aunt of Dr. J. I. Vickerson, husband of Mrs. Julia Vickerson, juror; that the Vickersons stood to gain by this will, and that she and her husband were contesting another and later will of this aunt.

Mrs. Bertha Clark, relative of Dr. Vickerson, presented from the witness stand a copy of a letter from the Doctor addressed to her in which he referred to "my attorney, Mr. Wehr."

James W. Thorp and Frank M. Moore, both seamen, presented an affidavit which declared that King in Seattle in 1935 had refused to assign George Wallace, chief accuser of King, to a job as a coal passer, whereupon Wallace had declared: "Some day I'll get that King. If it's the last thing I ever do, and that Wallace had made similar threats later.

Thorp also testified that Wallace had knifed a Negro in the back in October, 1931, for which he was not arrested. It was a knife which killed George Alberts on the Freightier Point Lobos last March 22.

More of Wallace Judge Ogden saw none of this as warranting a new trial, and with the hearing yesterday the time limit for presenting new evidence as grounds for re-trial expired.

Attorneys filed oral notice of appeal on behalf of King, E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner. Ogden then announced that sentence on the second degree murder conviction will be passed Saturday, at which time the written notice of appeal can be filed.

"We will appeal this case to the highest court in the country if that is necessary," announced Russell Bookhout, chairman of the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee representing more than 100 unions in the Bay area alone. "These men are innocent and they did not get a fair trial."

SF Anti-Picket Act Repeal Up March 9

SAN FRANCISCO.—The special election at which repeal of the anti-picket law will come up has been postponed by the Supervisors from March 2 to March 9.

Girl trade unionists have offered their services to the Labor Council's anti-picketing repeal campaign committee. Their spokesman is Carmen Lucia, Milinery Workers international organizer.

According to General campaign chairman Thomas L. Chambers, Building Trades Council president, more than 200 unions will take part in the campaign of the 20-year old anti-picket law.

TUBERCULIN TEST UPHELD IN HIGH COURT

California Farmers Against Destruction, No Repayment

SAN FRANCISCO.—The tuberculin test law in Stanislaus, Kings and Merced Counties has been declared valid by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here. In effect this decision also upholds the California state tuberculin test law.

The law provides for destruction of tubercular cattle and to this part the small farmers who sought to invalidate the law have no objection. They do not wish to put diseased meat on the market.

To Appeal

What they do object to, and strenuously, is the fact that valuable cattle are destroyed by the testers, with inadequate or no payment, and also, as has been proven in hearings, the fact that large dairy corporations have been able to evade the test through bribery.

James L. Royle, Fresno attorney representing small dairy farmers in the San Joaquin Valley, announced the decision of the Circuit Court will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

TO PICKET AGAIN FOR SPAIN IN S.F.

Ten Will Defend Selves In Trial On January 28

SAN FRANCISCO.—Ten workers will defend themselves against three different charges each at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, before Municipal Judge Thomas Foley.

In reality they will be defending the right to protest against Nazi and Italian Fascist intervention in Spain, and the courtroom is expected to be crowded with workers also interested in defending that right.

They were arrested while picketing the German consulate, 201 Sansome St., demanding the stoppage of Nazi intervention. They were formally charged with disturbing the peace, unlawful assembly and refusal to move on.

Heading the list of the accused, who themselves are accusing the authorities of helping two bandit governments promote war, is Frank Spector, San Francisco County organizer of the Communist Party.

Further challenging the restraining hand of the authorities illegally aiding the Fascists, the American League Against War and Fascism announced Thursday morning that it will organize mass picket lines in front of the German and Italian consulates at noon Friday, January 29, a day after the trial begins.

No Conviction in L. A. WPA Trial

LOS ANGELES.—In Judge Oda Faulconer's court, Tuesday, January 19, the jury trying Myrtle Calahan and Charlotte Boynton, members of the Workers' Alliance, arrested in a "sit-in" strike at WPA headquarters last December 6, found Mrs. Boynton "not guilty" of disturbing the peace, and disagreed 6-6 on Mrs. Calahan.

The two women participated in a protest strike of 18 women, representing 2,000 women dismissed from WPA sewing projects. Notable in the strike was the crude treatment of the women by police and WPA officials. All water was turned off and the lavatories were locked.

Blast Cop's Lies International Labor Defense Attorney Grover Johnson, defending the two women, summed up the entire trial in his closing argument as an effort "to intimidate these women so that they will accept the starvation wages of the County relief set-up."

"Their crime," he said, "is having to depend on relief." Policeman Corliss, lone witness from the police department, whose testimony was thoroughly blasted by all the defense witnesses, was termed by Johnson as "deliberately lying in this case."

Nevada Legislature Faces Child Labor

CARSON CITY.—Nevada's 38th Legislature has opened. It faces questions of child labor, social security and revenue.

Lawmaking by the legislature will continue for 60 days.

Unemployed, But Aids Spain and Western Worker

Dear Editor: I am enclosing one dollar and fifty cents for the W. W. drive and fifty cents for the Spanish workers. I would like to send some more, but I am positively out of work. I will send more as soon as I can.

Agricultural Worker. (He did not even sign his name. He was not looking for personal credit.)

FIGHT E. BAY PICKET LAWS

Labor Slate Basis Is Given

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interest to circulate petitions to put repeal on the ballot in the April municipal elections.

The basis on which organized labor will proceed to independent labor action in the political field is outlined in the resolution adopted by an 80 to 1 vote at last Saturday's conference of Labor's Non-Partisan Political Federation of Alameda County.

WHEREAS: The Labor movement is today engaged in a whole series of struggles which prove its determination to secure a decent standard of living and equal civil justice for all American citizens; as witness the great organization recruiting drives in every city; the broadness and militancy of its strikes; the successful strategy and tactics used in its campaigns; the enhanced prestige of labor in every walk of life; and

WHEREAS: The greatest stronghold the enemies of labor still retain is their almost absolute control of the law-making and law-enforcing agencies, working overtime in this city and state and throughout the nation to deprive labor of its rights, privileges and just awards, as witness the Modesto and King-Ramsay-Conner "frame-up"; the use of highway police in Salinas and Stockton; the activities of the county deputies in San Leandro; the anti-picketing ordinances in Berkeley, Oakland and Emeryville; and

WHEREAS: Labor's creativeness, its strength and vision demand and entitle it to a wider civic and political expression to maintain and promote the democracy of which it is such an overwhelming part; and

WHEREAS: The widespread public support so generously given in the many current strikes of organized labor must be mobilized to drive the enemies of labor from public office and replace them with representatives of labor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor of Alameda County, in special meeting assembled this sixteenth day of January, 1937, does hereby declare that in the interest of labor and all the friends and allies of labor it shall go on record for independent political action of labor, separated from existing political parties and party politics, and sponsor a list of candidates selected from the ranks of organized labor to run for all city offices in this Spring election; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a committee consisting of the president, the secretary, and thirteen additional members to be elected from among the delegates shall immediately prepare a program and select a slate of candidates to be submitted to the next meeting of this Federation, which shall meet Jan. 30, 1937; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to every Union, fraternal and friendly organization in Oakland, and also to the press.

A short flurry in the Alameda County Central Labor Council last Monday night developed from an unexpected attack by Sweeney, Electrician's Union, loud foe of Non-Partisan Political Federation, and supporter of Father Coughlin, who once again raised the issue of opposition to independent political action of labor.

His attack was the signal for a few die-hard reactionaries, opponents of the progressive revolution, to resume their vociferous demagoguery.

President Gallac, however, in pointing out that the Central Labor Council had several weeks ago endorsed the resolution, and reminding the 'phonies' that they had been present, informed them that they were out of order.

NOTICE Anyone having a bone conductor hearing apparatus who can donate it to a comrade who is hard of hearing, please notify the Western Worker, San Francisco.

ANTI-TRUST LAW USED AGAINST TEAMSTERS, COURT DECISION REMINDS OF DANBURY HATTERS

Ruling by Circuit Court Filled With Most Dangerous Implications for Organized Labor Movement's Future

SAN FRANCISCO—A decision of the most serious danger to organized labor was rendered early this week by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals here in a case involving the Seattle Teamsters' Union.

Reversing a lower Federal court ruling, the higher court held that a suit for restraint of trade, against Dave Beck and the Seattle Teamsters, and against the organization board and every union member, should be tried in Federal Court at Seattle.

The case started in June, 1935, when the union insisted that union teamsters move the household goods of one T. M. Hicks from Seattle to Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Hicks sued for \$6667. The new decision means that all the union members face liability under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, calling to mind the notorious Danbury Hatters' case.

OBISPO PICKERS' STRIKE STAUNCH

Unflinching in Face of Anti-Picket Law

SAN LUIS OBISPO.—In the face of an anti-picket law just passed by the county board of supervisors, the strike of 200 Filipino fruit and vegetable workers against the Japanese Growers Assn. remained all the more determined.

The Filipino Labor Union is demanding an hourly wage increase from 30 to 35 cents. Oceano, Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande and this city are among those affected by the strike.

Secretary C. D. Mensalvas has pledged support of all the Filipino Labor Union's branches to the strike.

All Aid to The People of Spain!

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ian troops need ever more support from the people of all countries that stand for democracy and peace, who realize that a victory for Fascism in Spain will increase the danger of Fascism throughout the world.

The support of the people of the Soviet Union to the Spanish anti-Fascist struggle, and the support of anti-Fascists of capitalist nations, initiated by the Communist Parties in every land, has been one of the most important factors in maintaining an impregnable defense of the embattled Spanish people in the cause of democracy.

The embargo imposed by the Roosevelt administration and Congress against the shipment of munitions to the legal and friendly Spanish Government will help Hitler and Mussolini, and their puppet, General Franco. This action against the democratic government of Spain increases the danger of world war and plays into the hands of the American jingo and Wall Street, whom the American people overwhelmingly repudiated on November 3rd.

Preserve Peace Peace cannot be preserved, and America cannot be kept out of war, unless Spanish democracy is helped to victory over the Fascists. By refusing to permit arms shipments to the Spanish government, the Roosevelt administration is sabotaging the demand of the American people for peace, and is giving encouragement to the Fascists.

We must redouble and intensify the campaign to arouse the American people to support the cause of Spanish democracy, under the slogan: "Keep Hitler's Bloody Hands Off Spain!" We call for the organization of demonstrations and picket lines of protest before German and Italian consulates; for a mass protest campaign directed to California Congressmen, Senators, state legislators, and to President Roosevelt, demanding that the embargo against the Spanish government be lifted.

Some of the most immediate concrete steps that can and must be taken in support of the Spanish People's Front are

1. Make the meetings to be organized in California for the official Spanish Youth Delegation, in February, touring under the auspices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy and the American League Against War and Fascism, the greatest meetings and

mass demonstrations ever held in California.

2. Speed the collection of funds for technical aid and medical aid to Spain, and the sending of skilled personnel.

3. All trade unions, all labor and progressive organizations should demand the lifting of the embargo by the American government against the legal and friendly Spanish Government.

4. Organize mass distribution of Party literature on Spain, such as "Spain in Revolt" by Gannes, and "The Spanish Revolution," by Ercoli.

All aid to the Spanish People's Front! Forward to the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in America!

Comradely yours, Anita Whitney, State Chairman. Wm. Schneiderman, State Sec.

Commission Meets On Ship Subsidy

The Maritime Commission in Washington has announced it will begin conferences with shipowners next week to arrange replacements of existing mail contracts by direct subsidies.

This makes it imperative that a new flood of telegrams from unions and all friends of the maritime strikers be sent the Commission and President Roosevelt, demanding that ship subsidies be stopped until the unions' demands are met.

Anti-Soviet Ring To Face Trial

MOSCOW.—Charged with counter-revolutionary activities, Karl Radek, writer, and 16 others were ordered by the Soviet government to face trial next Saturday, January 23.

The 17 are accused of participating in a group of Trotskyite wreckers and saboteurs, similar to the Zinoviev-Kamenev ring of 16, who were executed last summer. The Zinoviev-Kamenev ring confessed connections with German Nazi secret police.

A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

WHAT A SAILORS' UNION MEMBER IN SAN PEDRO THINKS LABOR NEEDS—A FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Writing Letters to Rossi Isn't Enough of a Retaliation, Says This Typical Man on the Picket Lines

By a Sailors' Union Member

SAN PEDRO—"Now is the time for all good union men to come to the aid of the Farmer-Labor Party!" That, in effect, was the emphatic declaration of one of the most progressive and clear-thinking members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific when interviewed by the Western Worker at Strike Headquarters in San Pedro.

SHOW CO. UNION MENACE IN B. C.

Vancouver I.L.A. In Appeal to Dockers

VANCOUVER—In an appeal to the men still working on the Vancouver waterfront, Local 38-126 points out that after a settlement is reached all hiring will be done through International Longshoremen's Association halls.

At a special meeting on Tuesday night, January 12, at which a deadline was to be set for all applicants for membership to be in the I.L.A. official state that those who have failed to make application when the deadline is reached, will have signified their intention of "taking their chances with the company-controlled unions," and will deserve no consideration from the bona fide unions.

On a strong last minute appeal before the deadline was set, the union, through the medium of its daily bulletin, pointed out the menace of the company union system to working conditions on the waterfront, and urged the members of such "company-controlled organizations" to act in their own interests by taking advantage of the I.L.A. local's offer of membership before it is too late.

N.W., EAST BAY LABOR AID KING

OAKLAND—The Alameda County Central Labor Council is unanimously on record demanding a new trial for the ship murder frameup victims, Earl King, E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner.

Copies of the resolution passed have been sent to District Attorney Warren and Gov. Merriam.

SEATTLE—The Seattle Central Labor Council sharply rapped the frameup conviction of King, Ramsay and Conner, when it demanded a new trial in a resolution passed by the Council.

Support from every section of Northwest Labor for the three frameup victims seems assured.

Concerning Corn, Bananas, Etc.

The perishable cargo question has now been made the pivotal issue in the maritime lockout. Mayor Rossi of San Francisco is even leading the latest concerted attack on the unions under the banner of perishables. (We are not surprised at this, remembering as we do that he yelled for militia to break our strike in 1934, and vowed to open the port of San Francisco, "even if the streets should flow with blood.")

Hue and Cry

The shipowners have inspired the hue and cry that the deterioration of these cargoes is the fault of the unions and that we should unload them. We would remind the public of the facts that the shipowners had planned this maritime lockout for months before they forced it upon us when our last working agreements expired. They accepted these cargoes for shipment in their bottoms, knowing in advance that the present situation would prevail. They had foreseen that the losses and suffering of the consignees of this cargo, and their agitation for its discharge would tend to align some measure of public opinion against the unions and add to the pressure being generated by shipowners' propaganda in preparation for coming strikebreak-

Cops' Strange Connection with Holman

OAKLAND.—That the boss newspapers distort news beyond recognition and slander the working class and its representatives, is a fact being well established in the present labor disputes.

The "Innocent Bystander"

A week ago, scare-headlines proclaimed to the supposedly gullible public that the I.L.A. had participated in a "riot." A perfectly "innocent" bystander, carrying an "unloaded" shotgun, was set upon by panicky longshoremen who mistook this "harmless" citizen for a thug and proceeded to beat him up!

The writer who distorted the honest facts of this incident into such a disgusting fabrication, must then have resorted to an old standby, cheap booze, to coax his conscience into forgetfulness.

The incident as it actually occurred was described by Johnny O'Connor, Chief of Maritime Control.

What Actually Happened
Driving home from picket duty, a Negro longshoreman was crowded into the curb by a Ply-

mouth sedan at 7th and Center Sts., stronghold of scabby Lee Holman's thugs.

This was either an attempt to intimidate or to beat up the union longshoreman, a plan that did not materialize due to the sudden illness of the occupants of the Plymouth sedan, an illness known as Yellow-itis, common to fink thugs and gunmen.

Noting the license number on the Plymouth, the longshoreman returned to union headquarters and reported the incident. Maritime Control investigation disclosed that the Plymouth was owned by Lee Holman's chief henchman and gunman Morris, and that the license plates had been issued for a Ford V8!

As Chief of Maritime Control, Johnny O'Connor drove down to 7th and Center to investigate and warn Morris that his thuggery would not be tolerated.

Gunman Morris
Morris, however, did not wait for O'Connor's announced intentions. Laid awaiting the opportunity to catch unguarded a prominent member of the I.L.A. in his police-protected hang-out,

Morris drew a revolver and thrust it into O'Connor's midriff. The thug's bravado was not sufficient to permit him to murder thus cold-bloodedly in broad daylight and in full view of hundreds of pedestrians, however, and he hesitated, looking about him for some henchman to come to his aid.

At that moment another Holman thug appeared with a shotgun. Having seen O'Connor, he supposed that the entire I.L.A. had arrived to clean out the nest of rats.

O'Connor seized the shotgun and then—the police arrived. The odds had been reversed. The police were there to protect the murderous Holman thugs, and were nobly performing their duty.

An officer broke the gun and pocketed the shells. Calling the Black Maria, he sped Morris away from the scene. The I.L.A. officials meanwhile pointed out to the police the hideout of scores of armed gunmen at 16 and Chestnut Sts and asked that this arsenal be cleaned out. Making a spurious search, the

police announced that no one was in the hall! And this, before eye witnesses and in plain view of shotguns and clubs!

At the central police station, Captain Trotter informed the I.L.A. that they did not possess enough evidence to swear out a warrant. Scores of witnesses to the menacing of O'Connor with shotgun and revolver were not sufficient to swear out a complaint. And the violation of the State Motor Vehicle Act was not enough to send a Holman-shipowner thug to prison!

Later that same day, Captain Trotter's police escorted the thugs from their 16 and Chestnut arsenal safely across the San Francisco Bridge. Oakland was too hot.

The constant vigil of murderous thugs at Seventh and Center has been resumed. They await another opportunity to catch an I.L.A. man unguarded. And gunman Morris, Lee Holman's chief lieutenant in the matter of disposing of union longshoremen, may not get weak-kneed next time he has a gun stuck in a man's belly.

HARRY BRIDGES



WEST COAST strike leader.

A CHEAP TRICK OF CHISELING

Shipowners Wont Pay In Cocoa Unloading

LOS ANGELES—Shipowners just can't be trusted.

If anyone had doubted this in the past, it was made doubly clear Friday, January 15, in San Pedro, when the McCormick Steamship Company refused to pay longshoremen the agreed amount of wages for unloading a shipment of cocoa beans from the freighter West Ivis.

Chiseling Trick

Officials of the steamship company had agreed to pay the new wage demands of \$1 an hour and \$1.50 for overtime. It was only on this condition that the International Longshoremen's Association unloaded the beans. When it was time to pay out, the company refused to pay at the new scale and paid the old wages of 95 cents an hour and \$1.40 for overtime.

The cocoa beans were discharged by the union following an "urgent" plea from the Department of Labor that they were needed for medicinal purposes in the veterans' administration hospitals.

In response to a telephone call from the strike committee, Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, declared that she was "indignant" over the actions of the McCormick Steamship Company, Volney Mathison, publicity head of the joint strike committee, stated.

Appealing to all unions and sympathetic progressive organizations for donations, the strike committee announced that "the end of the strike is not in sight" and charged that shipowners' statements of nearing peace were attempts to "sabotage the strike donations" and make the unions incapable of effectively carrying on the strike.

Strikers Get Aid In Middle West

LOS ANGELES.—Because of a serious shortage of funds caused by the length of the strike and the State's unfair discrimination in matters of relief, the striking maritime unions in San Pedro are beginning a giant fund campaign which is to extend inland as far as Salt Lake City.

Volney G. Mathison, union spokesman declared that approximately 200 men have been sent to talk to unions and liberal organizations in Denver, Salt Lake, and Butte.

Cal. Pack Goes in For Rough Stuff

OAKLAND.—One of the most persistent and vicious anti-union employers, California Packing Corp., made a shortlived attempt to run scabs late last week, against the Warehousemen's strike.

With firearms and teargas, special police of Cal. Pack shot pointblank at pickets in three wild but fruitless attempts to run scabby workmen past the lines of longshoremen.

Bullets ricocheting from curbs narrowly missed maiming and killing women and children, residents of Alameda passing by at the time of the murderous assault.

The attack was so brutal and unwarranted, the police commissioner of the City of Alameda ordered Cal Pack to close their plant at once—and to keep it closed.

Alameda police officers swore to aid in the prosecution of these Cal Pack gunmen, hired by Plant Manager Garibaldi.

Last year Garibaldi opposed the hiring of scabs by Cal Pack. This year, however, he is manager! Like Mussolini, Garibaldi this year has assumed a Napoleonic pose, and like Mussolini, hopes to crush the longshoremen's union with violence.

Five special policemen accompanying two scabs in Cal Pack automobiles illustrated to what expense and to what extremes anti-union employers will go in order to crush unions.

In the first attempt to run scabs from Plant No. 48, six auto loads of gunmen and finks were turned back. Three cars left the plant in the second try and roared up the street, firing indiscriminately into pickets and passers-by.

Alameda city police prevented the third and more murderous attempt of the blood-crazed gunmen in special police uniforms.

The picket lines remain intact, and the finks remain in the plant. A representative of the locked-in scabs made overtures to the Warehousemen's Union, offering to sign up the plant 100 per cent.

Johnny O'Connor, chief of Maritime control, whose spirit and generalship kept the longshoremen united and determined, led the picket lines around the plant.

Board Considers E. Coast Fraud Claim Fairness on Radio

WASHINGTON.—The Labor Relations Board has decided to take under consideration charges that the discredited, reactionary ISU officials fraudulently signed contracts with the East Coast shipowners in the Spring of 1936.

Charges were filed by rank and file leaders of the Eastern and Gulf Sailors Assn., Marine Cooks and Stewards of the Atlantic and Gulf, and the Marine Firemen of the Atlantic and Gulf.

The Board notified 35 steamship companies it will hold a hearing Friday to decide if it has jurisdiction in the case.

Gulf reports state that the strike will be ended against Lykes Co. boats.

Sacto. Meet Hits Copeland Book

SACRAMENTO.—Delegates from maritime unions to the California People's Legislative Conference remained here after the Conference adjourned Jan. 17, in order to confer with several legislators and with Governor Merriam on the Modesto frame-up. They are urging immediate executive and legislative action to smash the now thoroughly-exposed frame-up.

The Copeland Act Committee of the Maritime Federation was officially represented at the Legislative Conference, and introduced at the trade union caucus a resolution endorsing the stand of the maritime unions with reference to the amendments to the Copeland Act. This caucus adopted the resolution, and in turn, the general assembly unanimously endorsed the stand of the maritime unions.

JOE CURRAN



EAST COAST seamen's leader

KING FRAMEUP RAPPED IN L.A.

Labor Council Urges A New Trial

LOS ANGELES.—At a meeting of the Central Labor Council in Los Angeles, a resolution protesting the frame-up conviction of Earl King, E. G. Ramsay, and Frank Conner was enthusiastically adopted.

Citing the fact that flagrant discrimination was used in excluding Trade Union members and sympathizers from the jury and that the conviction was based largely on perjured evidence, the resolution demanded a new and fair trial.

In part, the resolution read: "Resolved, That we affirm our continued belief in the innocence of these framed Union brothers and declare they are entitled to and shall receive our unqualified support to prevent another Mooney or Modesto case."

Skulduggery In Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—In an attack that showed the hands of the shippers and police through its concerted efficiency, scabs here put four pickets in the hospital and seriously wounded at least two others at the Merchants and Miners docks.

The scabs attacked simultaneously from shipboard and picket line, and severely gashed the four pickets with ice-picks, knives and other weapons.

Four in Hospital

The four men who had to be taken to the hospital were all members of the International Seamen's Union, and two others who were attacked later were thought to be also seamen. In the latter case it is thought that the "Goon Squad" is responsible.

The bloody scum upon the pickets was well planned. This was brought out forcefully in the fact that several hours before it occurred a woman told seamen that her "boy friend" among the scabs had told her how and when it would occur. The fact that it was not avoided by the pickets was due to the fact that the woman did not know which docks the attack would be staged upon.

That the scab attack, with its thinly-veiled police co-operation, could not effectively break the picket line was shown when the four main pickets were immediately replaced by others. Police were conveniently missing when the scabs began their slashing. No arrests had been made by Wednesday night.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS' DAWDLING IN MODESTO CASE IS SHARPLY RAPPED BY DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Merriam Has Full Proof of Frameup for Over a Month But Has Taken No Action Whatsoever

SAN FRANCISCO—"Inaction" of four public officials drew sharp criticism this week from the Modesto Defense Committee.

C. A. Baker, chairman of the committee, cited the fact that proof of the innocence of the Modesto Standard Oil frameup victims was made public more than six weeks ago, but nothing has been done to free them.

"Governor Merriam was given full proof of their innocence more than a month ago," said Baker. "He has evidently forgotten what he said then: 'If what you say is true, these men should not remain in prison another hour.'"

"Frank C. Skyes, chairman of the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, was given all the evidence in the case nearly two weeks ago," Baker continued. "The board met last week—and did nothing toward freeing the seven men still in prison."

The new evidence consists of a confession by James Scrudder, star prosecution witness, that he committed perjury when eight members of maritime unions were convicted in 1935 in Modesto on a charge of malicious possession of dynamite.

Rossi Also Rapped

Scrudder confessed he lied at the instigation of District Attorney Leslie Cleary of Stanislaus county and special prosecutor Glenn Devore, of Standard Oil.

The Defense Committee, which is supported by the California State Federation of Labor, criticized State Attorney General U. S. Webb for his failure to take action against Cleary.

Mayor Angelo Rossi of San Francisco was also rapped. Scrudder confessed he was hired as a Standard Oil stool pigeon through three San Francisco police officials.

Who Skogman Is—He Scabbed in '34

NEW YORK.—The Joint Maritime Strike Council here, headed by Joseph Curran, said that information has been received from the West Coast striking maritime workers that Glenn Moore Skogman, ousted member of the East Coast Council has a long record as a scab-herder and provocateur.

Skogman suddenly "resigned" from the strikers' committee here, urging the strikers to abandon the marine walkout and "return to sea." He also made his peace with Ivan Hunter, head of the International Seamen's Union, and shippers' tool, whom the strikers have been struggling to run out of the union since the walkout took place.

The provocateur, strikers here said, acted as the organizer of the notorious "Sea Scouts" of the shipping interests who tried to cripple the great 1934 San Francisco strike by acting as finks. At that time, he was known on the West Coast as L. E. Skogman, instead of Glenn Moore Skogman, the name he used on the East Coast.

It was also charged that the stool pigeon acted as a strikebreaker on the Pacific Coast in 1934, sailing aboard the S. S. Pennsylvania for a period.

Water Taxi Outfit Signs Up In With Boatmen's Union

LONG BEACH.—The De Luxe Water Taxi Co. of Long Beach, engaged in motor launch service of all kinds, has signed an agreement with the Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific. This agreement completely unionizes their water taxi crews.

The agreement provides for a 15 cent per hour wage increase for all boat crews. This raises their wages to 75 cents per hour for operators and 55 cents per hour for deckhands.

The boycott conducted by the Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific against the De Luxe Water Taxi Co. is therefore lifted. This agreement was signed after several months of intermittent negotiations. All water taxi companies in the harbor are now working under union conditions.

LABOR SOLIDARITY

AKRON, O.—Five thousand dollars worth of food is being collected by Rubber Workers Union members as a gift to auto strikers throughout the country.

LABOR AND THE COPELAND ACT

What the Unions In San Francisco Think

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Central Labor Council was speaking for all the unions here when it adopted the following resolution on the Copeland Act:

(Presented by Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council January 8, 1937.)
Whereas, The provisions of the Copeland ship subsidy law (H.R. 8599) give too much power to the United States Maritime Commission, in that the said commission is authorized to set wages, hours of work, and manning scales for all shipboard crafts employed on subsidized vessels, without regard to collective bargaining or recognition of agreements between unions and employers; and

Whereas, The Copeland safety at sea act (H.R. 8597) provides for the issuance of "continuous discharge books" and "certificates of service or efficiency," which certifies American seamen consider detrimental to their best interests and constitutional rights as organized American workers; and

Whereas, Nowhere in these laws is provision made for the right of collective bargaining, for the recognition of legal contracts or agreements between unions and employers, or for the recognition of legitimate unions which American seamen have elected to organize; and

Whereas, The legislative committee of the American Federation of Labor sanctioned and supported these laws at the last session of Congress; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this organization requests the legislative committee of the American Federation of Labor to withdraw its support from the ship subsidy act (H.R. 8599) and the safety at sea act (H.R. 8597); and be it further

Resolved, That we urgently request the legislative committee of the American Federation of Labor to make every effort to have these laws amended so as to recommend the following guarantees to organized labor:

1. Amendment of the ship subsidy act to include a clause guaranteeing collective bargaining, recognition of agreements between unions and employers, and the recognition of such legitimate trade unions as maritime workers may elect to organize.
2. Amendment to restrict the bureaucratic and dictatorial powers of the United States Maritime Commission, and the inclusion of a provision whereby the decisions of this commission may be easily and effectively appealed.

3. Amendment of the ship subsidy act to eliminate the clause which provides for compulsory military service in times of peace for licensed deck and engineering officers employed on subsidized ships.

4. Amendment of the safety at sea law to outlaw continuous discharge books and certificates of service and efficiency; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to William Green of the American Federation of Labor, President Roosevelt, the United States Maritime Commission and the press.

PROTEST DEPORTATION

DETROIT.—George Pirinsky, editor of a Bulgarian workers' weekly and secretary of the Macedonian People's League, has been arrested for deportation to Fascist Bulgaria. Protests to Secretary of Labor Perkins are urged.

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For a Progressive Bloc

THE PROGRESSIVE assemblymen who attended the California People's Legislative Conference were no doubt impressed with the determination of the delegates to see to it that the elected representatives of the people in the Assembly act in the interests of the people generally, and not for the small but powerful anti-democratic, open-shop group.

The presence of these legislators at the conference at least showed they were interested—and we sincerely hope that the impressive sight of these delegates seriously hammering out a legislative program in defense of their rights raised that interest to the point where they are willing to act.

What is badly needed in the state legislature is a bloc of progressives, organized and functioning as such, much the same as the progressive bloc in Congress led by the Farmer-Labor representatives.

The People's State Legislative Conference was a call to those progressive minded assemblymen to form such a bloc to act in cooperation with the Legislative Conference. The duly elected delegates representing a quarter of a million people, a large number of them trade unionists, have asked for it. Will the progressive legislators respond?

Their response to this urgent call will be the standard of which to measure the sentiments expressed by many of the assemblymen who attend the Legislative Conference. We quote Assemblyman Jack B. Tenney, of Los Angeles, who declared:

"Don't pay too much attention to what we say in speeches, but I do urge you all to keep a careful record of the way we vote on issues affecting the interests of the people."

Another Victim of Police Brutality!

WE WONDER what will be the outcome of the investigation ordered by Police Chief Quinn into the clubbing to death of a youth of 21 by the San Francisco police. We are skeptical as to whether the officer who actually wielded the club will be disciplined properly. The scepticism is based on the statement of the police captain in command of the station that the officer was justified in using his night stick.

Two policemen, Clancy and Healy—probably able-bodied men—came into a garage and found the youth, Elliott, struggling with his father-in-law, the proprietor. When the police interfered, says the captain, Healy "was forced" to use his night stick. Healy aimed at the youth's arms, he said, but somehow, the club landed on his head.

Strange how often policemen aim for arms and strike heads! But stranger still is the captain's expectation that the public will believe two strong men were forced to use clubs to subdue one youth!

There is only one explanation for the use of the club; not necessity, but training in brutality. This sort of brutality must be stopped. The people of San Francisco must demand that Healy be dealt with properly; actually, he is guilty of assault with a deadly weapon!

Congratulations to Alameda County

THE LAUNCHING of a labor ticket for the municipal elections in Oakland marks a big step forward in the awakening of organized labor and other progressive forces in California to the need for independent political action.

The Alameda Central Labor Council should be congratulated for its pioneering step in officially endorsing the conference called by the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor of Alameda County.

The congratulations are not only for supporting such a movement, but for the active work of members of the Central Labor Council, in support of progressive union delegates, in steering clear of any entanglements with either of the old capitalist political parties; especially for defeating a proposal which in effect would make the labor ticket the tail

of the Democratic Party kite.

We trust that the committee of 17 entrusted with the responsibility of recommending a slate of candidates will choose those who record in the labor movement has been consistently progressive, so that the best elements in the Labor movement will be the standard bearers in this pioneering campaign.

We urge the closest contact between the Alameda County labor campaign committee and the similar apparatus launched in Los Angeles by the Painters' District Council for the municipal elections. Such cooperation will help immeasurably to stimulate the movement for independent political action in other cities and counties of California.

Will Mr. Buzzell Oblige?

RECENTLY we asked Mr. Vandeleur, editorially, for a reasonable explanation of attacks against the People's Legislative Conference. The answering editorial in the latest issue of the "Labor Clarion" failed thereby to give such an explanation. And Mr. Vandeleur himself registered at the Conference as an observer, and asked that it support several measures proposed by himself—which the Conference, of course, was glad to do.

Now we want to address the same request to Mr. Buzzell of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, who, in a circular letter to the unions dated January 15th, also attacked the People's Conference as being the "greatest danger" to the passing of pro-labor legislation.

We do not know whether Mr. Buzzell reads the Western Worker. The chances are that he does—as do most trade union officials on the Pacific Coast, either openly and honestly, or surreptitiously. Anyway, to make sure, we wish some one would direct Mr. Buzzell's attention to this editorial. We would like a reasonable explanation as to why Mr. Buzzell attacks this conference. We are sure thousands of Los Angeles trade unionists would also like to know.

Certainly all of the measures proposed by the Conference are to the interests of organized labor. Why doesn't Mr. Buzzell welcome the organization of a People's Conference—representative of 56 trade unions and six Central Labor Councils as well as other progressive organizations—to fight for pro-labor and pro-people's legislation? Is it merely the old red herring being dragged out of its dusty bin and across the trail again? R. S. V. P.

Support Resolution on Copeland Bill

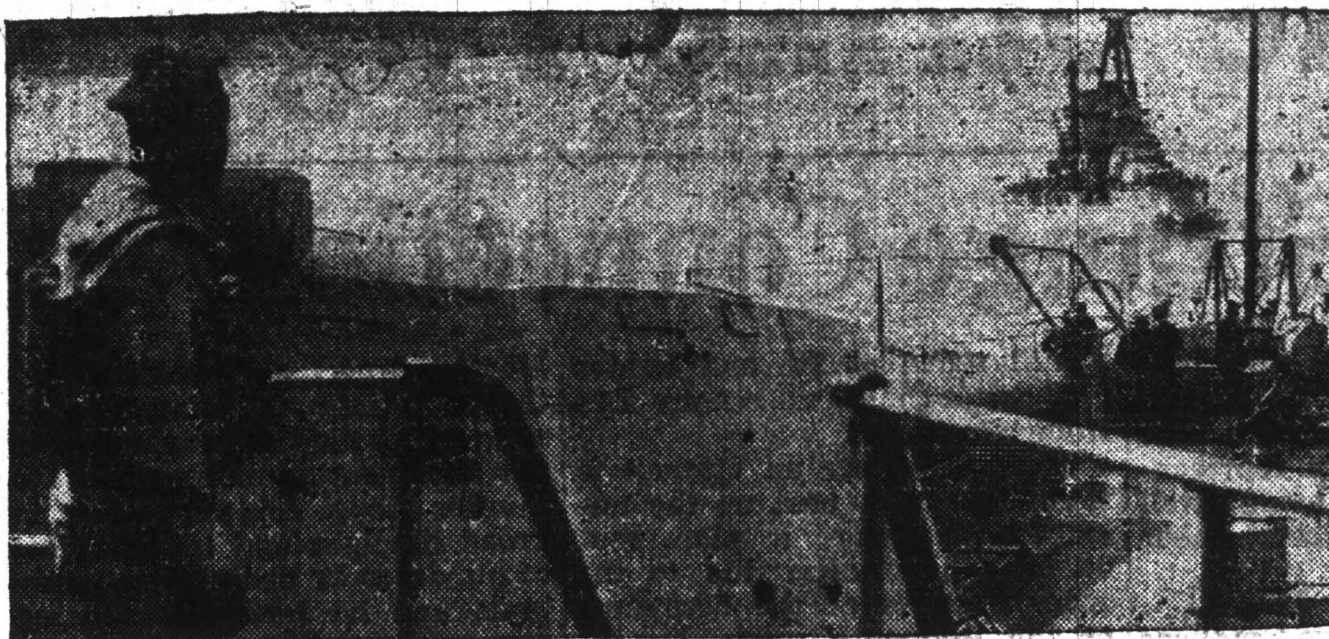
ALL POSSIBLE pressure should be brought to bear upon Congressmen to support the House Resolution introduced by Representative Sirovich, asking that Congress set aside the objectionable, blacklisting features of the Copeland Bill for six months. During this time, the necessary campaign can be waged to have the bill amended to eliminate those features.

Citizens are urged to write their representatives, asking them to support this resolution in the House. Despite the denials of Joseph B. Weaver, director of the Federal Bureau of Marine Inspection, the blacklisting objectives of the Bill are recognized by all. Even Mr. Weaver, by his hypocritical statement that "everything possible has been done to prevent the use of the book (continuous discharge book—LR) as a blacklist," admits that it can be so used.

Forty thousand maritime workers of the Pacific Coast—supported by the rest of organized labor, have taken a determined stand against the fink continuous discharge book. Tens of thousands of signatures of East Coast and Gulf seamen have been affixed to petitions protesting the use of those books. Thousands of East Coast seamen have marched on Washington to demand the elimination of the blacklisting features from the Copeland Bill.

The will of organized labor must be recognized at Washington. Letters to the congressmen from California will help register that will effectively.

As Nazis Speed Toward Provoking New Slaughter



FRANCE HURRIES fleet to Morocco as reports persist that thousands of Nazi troops have landed in Spanish North Africa, and that Hitler plans to grab off big portion of North Africa, to be handed over by General Franco and Spanish Fascists.

What Happened at Youth Assemblies - What's Ahead

By FRANK CARLSON
 (State Sec'y Y. C. L.)

The Northern and Southern Youth Assemblies held on January 9th and 10th can no longer be classed as news. However, these gatherings were of sufficient significance to warrant a detailed evaluation of their results.

It can be said without reservations that both assemblies, despite certain obvious shortcomings, marked giant strides forward in the direction of youth unity. They forcefully and clearly presented the problems confronting the youth of California. They drew up an emergency California Youth Act that could meet the most urgent needs of the young people of our state until such time as the American Youth Act is written into the law of the nation.

A Detailed Campaign They mapped out a detailed campaign for the California Youth Act and for the American Youth Act. They set up the assemblies as permanent mediums through which the campaign would be conducted. And finally, through these actions, the assemblies accomplished the first phase of the very necessary task of linking the youth organizations of California to the growing progressive youth movement that is sweeping the country.

It has been some time since gatherings of this sort were attempted. The most recent were the local Youth Congresses held during the middle of last year. Although they received considerable response, the subsequent red-scare launched by Hearst, the reactionary attitude of the adult boards that dominate the out-standing youth organizations, together with the disruptive activity of the Trotskyites, made it extremely difficult to continue the work of the Congresses. But this in no way dampened the progressive spirit within the youth organizations.

To the contrary. Although it made more difficult for a time the uniting of the various organizations around a common organization, it gave impetus to the progressive movement within the separate organizations. This expressed itself in the militant resolutions adopted at the recent conferences and conventions held by the religious youth groups, the Y's, the peace organizations, etc.

It was therefore quite natural that the call for all-inclusive Assemblies in Northern and Southern California for the purpose of drafting a California Youth Bill should receive widespread response. Every category of youth organization was represented. And among the two hundred delegates represented officially in both assemblies there were 60 trade unions and 4 central labor councils.

The assemblies received wide recognition from many prominent youth and adult leaders. Their scope and representation forced avowed enemies of anything progressive, people like Mayor Rossi, to take notice and send official "greetings."

The Major Task Despite the fact that the main purpose of the Assemblies was to draft a state bill, considerable time was spent in discussing how California youth could contribute their share in the campaign for the American Youth Act. It was understood by all the delegates that the campaign for the American Youth Act remained the major task of every youth organization; that only federal legislation and federal resources could adequately deal with the youth problem, and that it was the responsibility of the federal government, first of all, to enact such legislation.

Numerous speakers at the round table discussions pointed out that the scope of the problem was such that it could never be handled by the separate states, and that state legislation could only serve to tide over temporarily, and in an inadequate manner, the most needy of the unemployed and student youth, which meant that under no circumstances could the campaign for passage of the California Youth Act be conducted at the expense of the nation-wide fight being carried on for the national bill, the American Youth Act.

It was with this understanding that the state bill was drafted and the campaign for its enactment worked out.

For a State Youth Commission The bill as it finally stands calls for the establishment of a State Youth Commission to consist of one third representatives of youth organizations, one third organized labor, and one third representatives of community groups. It demands an appropriation of from ten to fifteen million dollars for the work of the commission out of which sum is to be established a system of aid to needy high school and college students (minimum of \$10 and \$20 per month respectively); employment on public projects for unemployed youth (minimum of \$30 per month, at hourly trade union rates of pay); raising payments to youth on NYA to these minimums; establishment of an extensive system of vocational education and apprenticeship training, and the setting up of youth recreational centers in the rural areas.

The bill further contains a provision against discrimination for any reason, provides for cooperation between the Youth Commission and other existing relief agencies and calls for an extensive survey of youth conditions and needs.

The bill as finally drafted is a practical minimum measure that can and must be passed by the state legislature. Of course it is obvious that whether this takes place or not depends entirely upon the youth organizations and trade unions which will conduct in its behalf. And it is also obvious that even if passed, the ten to fifteen million dollars appropriation the bill provides for will no more than scratch the surface of the problem.

But that is not an argument against the bill. It is an argument for a more energetic and far reaching campaign to secure the enactment of the American Youth Act which alone can adequately deal with the problem.

The unanimous support that the bill as outlined received from the delegates at the youth assembly and the enthusiasm with which they mapped out the campaign in its behalf and for the American Youth Act showed that the delegates understood this very well.

The Trotskyites Disrupt I should really not say unanimous. Unanimity, joint progressive action, common organization—those things can only be achieved where there are no Trotskyites. And the Trotskyites were there in full force—all three of them, and all afire with beautiful "r-r-revolutionary" phrases about "saving the working class and socialism" while on the quiet they carried on their stool-pigeon work of pointing out which delegates they suspected of being Communists, of course including in that category, in true Hearstian style, everyone that disagreed with them.

This group of Trotskyites now carrying YPSL cards was able to influence the YPSL delegation and its supporters. They brought forward the proposal that the provisions for the bill agreed upon unanimously by the delegates from the trade unions, from NYA projects, from numerous high schools and colleges, that those provisions be scrapped and replaced by the provisions contained in the American Youth Act. And the supporting "argument" was that anything less would be "scabbing on the American Youth Act."

Now doesn't that sound just too militant and r-r-revolutionary! But if these people were really concerned about the American Youth Act they would carry out the policy adopted by the organizations that are united on a national scale in the American Youth Congress, the united front body that is responsible for the American Youth Act, and that is certainly in a position to know what will, and what will not, help the Act.

Practical, Minimum Measures This policy, adopted unanimously by the National Council of the American Youth Congress, is precisely not to introduce state bills that are duplicates of

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

The Strike Is Not Over

THE MARITIME WORKERS must be on the alert to spike the employers' newest strike-breaking tactics disclosed in their latest statements and full-page ads in the capitalist press, designed to confuse and falsify the issues in the hope of creating a split in the unions' ranks.

It is now clear, if it was not before, that Plant's negotiating a tentative agreement with the heads of the Sailors' Union and the Marine Firemen's Union was just for the purpose of creating such a rift. Harry Lundeborg fell into this trap by advocating an immediate referendum vote of the sailors to accept the agreement, which he negotiated, thus weakening the position of the other unions still negotiating, and giving the shipowners a club over the heads of the licensed officers, the radio operators, the marine cooks and stewards, and especially the longshoremen.

The membership of the Maritime Federation, including the sailors and the firemen, recognized this danger, and blocked Mr. Plant's splitting strategy by voting against taking any separate referendum votes, but that all unions should vote simultaneously after they had negotiated tentative agreements.

But the shipowners, while seeking a new means to create a split and break the strike, have not given up hope. They were encouraged in this hope by the public attacks on Harry Bridges and the policies of the strike leadership, by Lundeborg and others, at a most critical point in the strike when Plant, Ryan, Merriam, Scharrenberg and Rossi were filling the pages of the capitalist press with ferocious attacks on Bridges, Curran, and the whole strike. Regardless of whether it was an honest mistake or not, the attack of Lundeborg on Bridges played right into the shipowners' hands, and they are still making use of it.

The employers and their agents are also making use of the disruptive tactics of the Trotskyites' red-baiting attack on Bridges and the Communists. Speaking of James P. Cannon's malicious slanders and distortions of the issues, a columnist in the San Francisco News said: "The Socialist (read 'the Trotskyites'—Ed.), of course, view the Communists with the cool impartiality of a strange bulldog. But Editor James P. Cannon, who wrote the piece, was one of those involved in the struggle for the editor's job on the Voice of the Federation. . . Don't think his Socialist indictment of the Communist will go unnoted in quite capitalist circles."

And the Trotskyites receive praise from another appropriate quarter, Sanborn's Fascist "American Citizen," vigilante organ paid for by the employers. When Barney Mayes was removed as editor of the "Voice of the Federation" at the demand of the strikers, for his disruptive attacks on Harry Bridges and the policies of the Strike Committee in the midst of a strike struggle, none other than the "American Citizen" rushed to Mayes' defense, and shed tears over his removal. "Barney Mayes' ousting is just another victory for 'Red Harry' and his gang and a loss for the strikers," declared Sanborn's vigilante sheet.

What a champion the Trotskyites have found! And the inspiration for this praise was the statement of Mayes on his "resignation," attacking the Communist Party, which statement was reprinted in the "American Citizen," and reads exactly like the red-baiting propaganda which Sanborn's sheet has been publishing ever since the employers set him up in the strike-breaking business.

The maritime unions and the strike have weathered these attacks, because the workers have not forgotten the basic principles of the Maritime Federation and the purpose for which it was founded. The Maritime Federation, which the Trotskyites now call an outworn and out-moded craft form of organization, was built as a result of the lessons of the 1934 strike, when the maritime workers learned that no maritime craft could stand alone, that the unity and solidarity of the seamen and longshoremen is the first essential to winning the basic demands of any maritime craft.

Anyone who attempts to disrupt that unity, consciously or unconsciously, is strengthening the shipowners in their attempt to smash the unions and the Maritime Federation. No sincere Socialist, nor any honest worker, will willingly give such weapon into the hands of the employers against the unions and their leadership.

Attacks on Bridges are not personal attacks; ever since 1934, every worker knows that an attack on the unions and the Maritime Federation has been repeatedly and unsuccessfully carried out under cloak of an attack on Harry Bridges and "Communist influence." The whole labor movement has learned how to answer these attacks with splendid solidarity, but the Trotskyites begin where T. G. Plant leaves off, and their disruption is NOT going "unsung in quite capitalist circles." The rank and file of the maritime unions and all genuine Socialists must not permit the name of any union or the Socialist Party to be used for disruptive purposes.

go the widest popularization of the bill proposed by the Assemblies. Young Communists who are members of other youth organizations must do their share in acquainting the members with the proposed bill and the campaign that is planned. This campaign includes putting pressure on the legislators especially during the period of Feb. 4th to March 4th when they return home to their electoral districts; wide distribution of the California Youth Act; the organization of mass meetings, symposiums, open hearings, preparation for the pilgrimage to Sacramento at the time of the open committee hearings on the bill, etc.

And in connection with the campaign for the American Youth Act, what is most urgent and immediate is the mobilization of every possible force to guarantee that decision of the assemblies for a covered wagon trek to Washington on February 1st to present the AYA signatures to the president, will be carried out.

The Youth Assemblies demonstrated the tremendous desire that exists among the youth of California for militant, progressive action, for unity.

Intelligent and consistent organizational work will make such action and unity possible and will bring to the youth of California the honor of having been the first to secure the passage of a state Youth Act.

GAS DRIVERS WIN AKRON, O.—Gasoline truck-drivers here, after closing down 700 gas stations, won their strike for a 40-hour week and \$140 a month wages.

Hitler Would Make Czechoslovakia "Another Spain"

MOSCOW.—Germany is trying to make Czechoslovakia "another Spain," the Soviet press charged here, in commenting on Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinov's statement to Great Britain declaring individual, unilateral Soviet action to keep men and arms from Spain's government would really be aid for the Spanish Fascists.

Izvestia, Soviet government organ, declared:

"It is feared in political circles that Czechoslovakia will be converted into a second Spain. The German press is preparing public opinion for the occupation of Czechoslovakia in order to 'rescue' her and the rest of Europe from Bolshevism."

Reinstatement of 2 on Hearst Seattle P-I is Ordered

SEATTLE.—Reinstatement of Frank Lynch and Everard Armstrong, News Guild members whose dismissals brought about the recent strike against the Hearst Post-Intelligencer, has been ordered by the National Labor Relations Board.

The Guild terminated the long strike about two months ago, with gains made, and with reinstatement of the two to be determined by the Labor Board.

Women on the March

By MARJORIE CRANE

HAVE YOU been watching the "Front Page" lately? Do you see the malefactor back of all the terrible things that are spread before our eyes? "Economic Insecurity" is his name. He holds a very important position in our present scheme of things. He lives among us, and he has come to stay, if we don't kick him out.

When a boy kills the mother of his unborn child, when a fine young woman drops in our streets from starvation, when a child is picked up right in his own living room, before a group of terror-stricken children, and then carried out into the bitter cold and murdered; what's responsible? Economic insecurity.

Shall we be longer misled, confused by fine words and speeches? Rather shall we stand back of the youth of our country and of the whole world, who have arisen and are marching and shouting in no uncertain way: "We Demand!"

The Youth is still where it sees only the primary colors clear, honest, and unconfused. Red is red and blue is blue. Their program is sane, reasonable and easy of fulfillment. It is built on 1—what they know; 2—what they want, because of what they know; and 3—how they purpose getting it.

Youth can see the young woman lying prone on the sidewalk from starvation, and the young Italian couple dead from the fumes from coal burning in a bucket, because they were too poor to buy a stove. Youth knows too, that that young woman was carrying her unborn child. Is this to be our portion later on? They want to know.

Seeing all this with steady, determined eyes they read and know that President Roosevelt has stated that the government will make drastic cuts in the WPA, and that the government has already started to do so.

We must protest in every way we know, against these cuts. Telegrams to our congressmen, and to President Roosevelt. Letters to the daily papers. We must also bring pressure to bear for the passage of legislation that will put an end for all time to the fear of starvation, exposure, and to the lack of opportunity for the development of the youth of the world.

We, also, can have a country where all must work who eat, and all may eat who'll work. Where there will be no "easy money," no thousand upon thousands for ransom to be paid to some creature, who has his individual brand of extortion, different in outward appearance, but basically about the same as the whole economic setup of a world gone mad.

Let's change it.

YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

A Patient With Pains in His Joints,
Should Have His Sinusitis Treated

Alameda, Calif.

DEAR SIR: I have had a sinusitis for years and lately in the last few months it has been worse, and I have begun to get pains in my joints.

B. D.

ANSWER—The pains in your joints appear to be due to arthritis. There are several types of arthritis, but all types are usually benefited by removing infection in the body.

Your sinusitis is such an infection and should be treated.

In such a case, the best form of treatment is one that has already been described in these columns. This consists in a series of sprays to the nose, together with injection of a vaccine. This treatment is especially successful in cases of arthritis or neuritis (inflammation of the nerves) which are accompanied by inflammation of the sinuses.



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

Silicosis is a Serious Disease Which
Can Be Prevented But Not Cured

Nevada City, Calif., Jan. 5.

DEAR DOCTOR: A friend of mine has been working in the mines here for several years, and since lately working in a mine where the conditions are particularly bad, he has gotten what a doctor says is Silicosis of the lungs.

I. J. J.

ANSWER—This is a disease of the lungs which is widespread among miners and tunnel workers. It consists in coal dust or stone dust being deposited in the tissues of the lungs. This dust, not literally turns whole sections of the lungs into stone. As yet, no treatment has been found to cure silicosis completely, after it has once started. The treatment consists entirely from preventing it from becoming worse and in preventing tuberculosis, which often follows silicosis.

It can be prevented from becoming worse only if your friend stops working in places where there is coal or stone dust, or if he wears a proper mask which strains out this dust while working.

Cold Wave Causes the Common
Ailment of Chilblains

Jackson, Calif.

DEAR SIR: In this cold weather that we have been having up here, my feet have become cold and sore and itchy in spots. They seem to get that way whenever it's cold.

J. R.

ANSWER—You have what is called chilblains.

The most important measure is that everything be done to prevent this troublesome ailment. As soon as it gets cold, you should wear warm, loose woolen stockings and warm, roomy shoes. The feet should be bathed in warm water daily, and after the bath should be rubbed briskly, quickly dried, and a talcum powder dusted on.

After the condition has started, a number of measures should be tried, and the one which helps the most be used. Sometimes painting the feet with 1 part of oil of peppermint to 6 parts of glycerine affords relief. If the condition is very painful, calamine lotion should be used. When the chilblains have become less painful, try rubbing with oil of turpentine, camphorated soap liniment, or with phenolated oil.

Workers in S. P. Give \$14 to Drive

Southern Pacific Shop workers in Oakland showed what they think of the Western Worker. Someone passed the hat for the current financial drive.

They contributed \$14. Also to be especially acknowledged is a collection by Comrade "S." among workers sympathetic to the Western Worker. Amount, \$16.

Doctors to Speak at Health Symposium

LOS ANGELES.—Four prominent Los Angeles doctors will speak at a symposium on Health and Hygiene in the Cultural Center, 230 South Spring St., Sunday, January 24, 7:30 p.m. Sophie Feider will be chairman. The doctors will speak on abortion, social diseases, mental hygiene, and preventative dental and dental hygiene.

Two San Francisco Workers' Press Builders Will Win Big Prizes



ONE WAY to win a prize trip to the Soviet Union is to buy a ticket to the Grand Ball on March 6 in Scottish Rite Auditorium, San Francisco. You may be selected. The other way is more certain. It's the hard way. You register at 121 Haight Street and enter into the competition selling tickets to this grand ball for the benefit of the Western Worker. Whoever sells the most tickets will win the trip. Above is a part of the advertising circular with which the San Francisco Committee is campaigning in the drive.

TOM PAINE — INTERNATIONALIST Wasn't Satisfied With Abstract 'Liberty'

THOMAS PAINE is set apart from some of the other founding fathers of America, and not because he did not fight as hard and as consistently as they to achieve a separation from England.

Neither is it because he did not believe as thoroughly and as passionately as they in the great concepts "freedom" and the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Benjamin Franklin once remarked: "Where liberty dwells, there is my country."

Paine paraphrased him, saying: "Where liberty dwells not, there is my country."

But, One With Meaning

If this had been merely a remark with no particular bearing other than to express a sentiment, it would not be worth repeating. Tom Paine, of all the founding fathers, proved that his utterances on liberty and reason, proved that his service to the continental army, proved that his sacrifices in the struggle for American and French liberation, came completely out of conviction and sincerity without any reference to his own welfare after the American revolution had been won.

If George Washington found himself endowed with a life far more comfortable than most of his countrymen after the revolution, we cannot gainsay the fact that he had fought on the side of the future. It is not underestimating this fact and its significance to point out that he was rewarded personally as well as by the applause of his history.

Even Thomas Jefferson made his great contribution in struggle and his ringing statements on liberty from the comfortable surroundings of Monticello surrounded by his chattel slaves whose inferiority he assumed benignly. The motives of Alexander Hamilton were not at all concealed. He made no bones about his contempt for the "lower classes."

Paine Didn't Forget The Real Sufferers

With Tom Paine it was another story. He was born in poverty and he never forgot his heritage.

Place of birth—that was of little importance. It happens that he was born in England just 200 years ago on January 22.

What does have a very important bearing, however, is the fact that he was born among impoverished people, the son of a needle trades worker who began life in the same profession.

He studied. He wrote. But hatred of misery inclined him to the ideologists who were preparing the groundwork for the French revolution, and such a man could attract little attention in the England of George II and III. He did attract the attention of Benjamin Franklin, who sent him to America with a letter of introduction.

He published an article on chattel slavery in March, 1775, which fomented the first abolition society. In the latter part of 1775 he emerged as the great pamphleteer, author of the "Common Sense" series. Convinced that only separation would solve the problem of England's colony, he was one of the first to publicly advocate this break. The handsome proceeds of his publication went to the continental armies.

His next series, started during the most trying days of the war and entitled "The Crisis," opened with an appeal to discouraged soldiers and was generally credited with being in a large measure responsible for restoring morale in the army. He became secretary of the continental congress. He lost that

job because he embarrassed the French Bourbons by exposing some graft. But he continued his publication.

Paine was 50 in 1787 when he went to Europe at the insistence of Danton, LaFayette and others. Enroute to France he stopped in England, to find that Edmund Burke had done the way of many liberals who talked feelingly about "liberty" and "freedom" but backed down when confronted with an actual case of impoverished people trying to get the practical benefits.

Burke had thoroughly slandered the French people who were struggling against absolutism and the worst privation. Paine answered him with his famous tract, "The Rights of Man."

"General laws are in existence for regulating and limiting workmen's wages," he wrote. "Why not have them as free to make their own bargains as the lawmakers are to let their farms and houses? Personal labor is all the property they have. Why is that little and the little freedom they enjoy, infringed?"

Contempt for Hypocritical Talk

Paine excoriated Burke, and not only Burke, for idly and vaguely talking about freedom, yet criticizing any effort to give freedom a meaning, and meanwhile enjoying comfort—plenty.

"Personal labor is all they have."

Is it surprising that in this and countless other statements Paine should have forecast Karl Marx?

Not surprising at all, though it was not to be expected in that day and age that Paine would have a fully developed working class point of view. He was a man of his own day, yet there is no denying that his mind envisioned a day of which his associates could not get the slightest glimpse.

He advocated old age pensions, a tax on the rich, equal rights for women, collective bargaining. Trade unions had just made their confused beginning. He advocated a confederation of nations. He was certainly a consistent internationalist, America's first.

He was not an internationalist in the narrow sense that he traveled widely and dabbled in the culture of many nations, but in the real sense that he thought not in terms of international boundaries, but of the common interest of peoples. This international outlook did not come to those who did not include the lower and impoverished classes when they talked of liberty.

Paine had to leave England in a hurry after his "Rights of Man." He was elected to the national convention in France. He helped to draft the constitution of the republic. But he went to prison for 11 months and nearly lost his head because he did not approve of Robespierre's terror. In prison he wrote "The Age of Reason," his most famous work. He resumed his seat in the convention in France before returning to the United States in 1802.

Penniless and alone, he found all his old associates wealthy. Only Jefferson, then President, was willing to remember him. Jefferson offered to send a battleship to bring him home, but Paine refused. He died in New York City June 8, 1809.—T. P.

Who Will Visit the Soviets This Year?

San Francisco workers this year are competing for two fully paid trips to the Soviet Union, being offered by the County Committee of the financial drive for the Western, Daily and Sunday Worker.

They might like to learn how Clara Townes, who won such a trip last year in statewide competition, enjoyed the prize she had won in a cause she enjoyed working for.

"Like walking out of night into day," she described her entry into the Soviet Union at a banquet on the 13th anniversary of the Daily Worker January 17 in Los Angeles.

"The people in Russia are the happiest people in the world," she said. She told of a Negro worker she had met in Russia. In New York this woman had known all the misery and oppression of the capitalist society. Today she is a successful writer, with one book published and another one probably to be produced as a motion picture.

Comrade Townes visited the great ballbearing factory near Leningrad where 22,000 workers are employed. Again the contrast between capitalist production and socialist production was immediately obvious in the happiness of the Soviet workers as contrasted to those who work under capitalism.

Pointing out the value of unity and organization among the workers, Comrade Betty Gannett, L. A. County organizer, said, "for the first time in France, the workers are learning what strength lies in the working class."

She condemned the tactics of the capitalist press in besmirching the great fight of the Spanish people for democracy by raising the red scare.

To combat the lies that the capitalist press launches against the Spanish people, against all maritime workers, against all workers when they begin to struggle for organization and unity, Comrade Gannett declared, "We must use the means we have to reach the people—we must build our paper."

"Our papers can be made to organize the unorganized—to make for unity among the workers."

TRACTORS IN USSR
MOSCOW.—Tractors in the Soviet Union increased by 240,000 between 1930 and 1934. In 1936 16½ times as much farm machinery was produced as in 1913.

Former Members Help the Drive

Oakland, California.
Western Worker:

What happens to the comrades that drop out of the party? Are they lost for the Communist movement? For our press? For our meetings? This question was answered clearly in our present Western Worker Drive in Central Oakland. Comrade Pete, former member of the C.P., in Oakland, told us at the start of the drive that he would undertake to approach former members for the support of the Western Worker. Said and done. The result was \$44 on one collection list turned in to the press committee.

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BY MICHAEL QUIN

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From athletes foot of the brain,
A disease that you meet
When kissing the feet
Of employers again and again.

2
They asked a longshoreman named Mitch
To spank Joseph Ryan with a switch;
He was willing to do it,
But when he got to it
He could not tell which end was which.

3
Said Thomas G. Plant, in our game
All our stooges are willing and tame;
And whatever we say,
The very next day
Mayor Rossi will tell you the same.

4
The employers have nothing but praise
For William Green and his ways;
He so gladly agrees
To whatever they please—
They'll be missing him one of these days.

5
Matthew Woll, it is frequently said,
Thinks whoever talks sense is a Red;
And he goes about wearing
A wreath of red herring
Ensconced on the top of his head.

6
The factories in Flint are now full
Of sitting-down strikers who pull
A real old can't-bust-'em
American custom
They borrowed from Chief Sitting Bull.

7
A Trotskyite once, it is said,
Heard that Communists advocate bread.
He took the position
Of firm opposition
And fasted until he was dead.

8
Said the public to Rossi and Plant,
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Patriot Priest Compares Spanish Fascists To Black-and-Tans; Leaders of Dublin Brigade, IRA, and Republicans Speak

DUBLIN—Ireland is not Fascist—the Irish people repudiate the 'Duffy Fascist volunteer brigade that went to help Franco in Spain.

Proof of the feelings of the real leaders of the Irish people is given in a series of articles, speeches and statements by leaders of the Church, of the old Irish Republican Army, and of the Labor and National movements.

Those who have spoken out include the Patriot Priest, Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, Frank Ryan, Left Wing Republican leader, and Thomas P. Irwin, of the old Dublin Brigade, I.R.A.

The Worker, of Dublin, recently reported their statements as follows:

In the course of a powerful indictment of Fascism at a great meeting in the Engineers' Hall, Dublin, the Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, the distinguished patriot priest, said:

"The fight in Spain is a fight of the rich privileged classes against the rank and file of the poor oppressed people of Spain. 'The cause being fought for in Spain is nearer us than is realized. The Foreign Legion and Moorish troops are to Spain what the Black and Tans were to Ireland. The Spaniards didn't send any people to join the Black and Tans here and they didn't make collections in their churches to help the Black and Tans in Ireland.

"The government of Spain was elected by the votes of the people, and on the other side is a body of rebels, mostly the old army.

"They are just the same type as our own General Gough and Carson at home. The people who are calling the Spanish rebels 'patriots' have proved to be very bad judges of patriots in Ireland.

"When we had real patriots fighting in Dublin they were called looters and it was said they were in the pay of Germany. We had an editorial in one newspaper (an allusion to Murphy's Independent) asking for the death of two of the noblest patriots in the history of Ireland, James Connolly and Sean McDermott.

"It is in the Red Republic of Russia that nationalities similar to the Basques have got their fullest freedom.

"We have had the experience," Father O'Flanagan continued, "of men being refused the rights of their church because they were real patriots. Even clergymen who were true to their country, such as Father Murphy in '88, were spurned by the ecclesiastics of their time, who were hand and glove with the British government. Now we have monuments erected to these patriot priests. I hope the Irish people will see through the hypocrisy and sham of their enemies and rally to the cause of truth and justice." (Loud applause greeted the conclusion of Father O'Flanagan's speech.

Interviewed by a Dublin Worker representative before his departure for Spain to take command of the Irish section of the International Column, now commanded by General Kiebler, Frank Ryan, the outstanding Left Wing Republican leader, said:

"The Irish contingent is a demonstration of revolutionary Ireland's solidarity with the gallant Spanish workers and peasants in their fight for freedom against Fascism. It aims to redeem Irish honor, besmirched by the intervention of Irish Fascism on the side of the Spanish Fascist rebels. 'It is to aid the revolutionary movements in Ireland to defeat the Fascist menace at home, and, finally and not the least, to establish the closest fraternal bonds of kinship between the Republican democracies of Ireland and Spain.

This is the reply of the Irish workers from Belfast to Cork to the shame brought on Ireland's name before the world by O'Duffy, Belton and the 'Independent,' and their intervention on the side of Franco, with his Foreign Legionnaires and Moore.

Frank Ryan had a distinguished career in the Irish independence struggle, both in the Black and Tan and Post-Treaty periods. He was a member of the I.R.A. Executive for years, editor of 'An Phoblacht,' the victim of innumerable jailings un-

der the Cosgrave regime—the last under the notorious Coercion Act. Ryan has for several years been one of the most consistent champions of the United Front in Ireland, the union of Republican and Labor movements in the fight against imperialism and Fascism.

With him are outstanding figures in the Communist Party, the Republican and working class movements. Among these are Kit Conway, of Tipperary; Jack Nalty, P. Duff, Donald O'Reilly, Seumas Cummins from Dublin, Frank Edwards of Waterford; all active revolutionaries in the National and Labor movements.

The following letter was published in the daily press from Mr. Thomas P. Irwin on behalf of the Old Dublin Brigade, Irish Republican Army:

"A report appeared in the 'Irish Independent' of December 1 of a function held in the Hotel St. George by a body calling themselves the Old Dublin Brigade Flying Squad, I.R.A. Mr. J. Dolan proposed, and Mr. J. Foy seconded, a resolution pledging their moral support to the youth of the country who had gone to Spain, and generally supporting General O'Duffy in his sacrifices to the cause of General Franco.

"The Dublin Brigade, Old I.R.A. Executive Committee repudiates in the strongest possible terms the action of Messrs. Dolan, Foy and Coughlan in affording their support to General O'Duffy, when they speak as if representing the Old Dublin Brigade; and, furthermore, they wish it to be known that that particular group has no connection with the Old Dublin Brigade, I.R.A., and that some of them have never had any connection with the A.S.U. of the Dublin Brigade I.R.A."

Gen. Yang Makes Demands Upon Nanking Govt.

SHANGHAI.—General Yang Hucheng and his associates in Sian-Fu have raised the following demands upon Chiang Kai-Shek's Nanking government, it is reported:

1. Incorporation of their own forces and the full Chinese Red Army (now based in Kansu province) into the regular forces of the national government or official permission for the Red Army to occupy Kansu and Shensi provinces; 2. Appointment of Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang as pacification commissioner for Shensi and Kansu; 3. No political or military changes in North China without consent of Marshal Chang.

These demands are expected to come up at the meeting of the government's central executive committee in Nanking beginning February 15.

Wall Street's Army In Philippines Is Backed by Quezon

MANILA.—Wall Street's new Philippines Army, being organized now by Major General Douglas MacArthur, former chief of staff of the United States Army, was defended by Manuel Quezon, commonwealth president, in a speech before 15,000 cadets, Quezon, who has crushed all trade unions in the Islands, attacked all anti-war organizations.

20,000,000 Copies of Stalin Reports Sold

MOSCOW.—Twenty million copies of Stalin's report on the new Soviet Constitution have been sold out already, and reprints are being prepared. Millions of copies are to be printed in specially large type for children. The report is translated in every language used by all Soviet nationalities. The Constitution is also being published in millions of copies for broadest possible distribution.

Greek Communist Leader Railroaded To Fascist Prison



NIKKO ZACHARIADES

ATHENS, Greece.—Nikko Zachariades, general secretary of the Communist Party of Greece, was sentenced to nine years in prison on frame-up charges for which he has just been tried.

The military dictator, John Metaxas, wanted to kill him. Legal groundwork was laid for a death sentence. Among charges pressed against him was one that in 1926, he killed an agent provocateur while fighting to defend the offices of the Greek Communist newspaper Rhizospas.

Only protest from liberals and labor organizations throughout the world caused the court to falter in its intentions, and the severe prison sentence was meted out instead of the death penalty.

Communist Party of Germany Rallies Aid for Spain Govt.

BERLIN.—Slipped secretly from hand to hand, left in waste bins in factories, pasted overnight on buildings, showering suddenly down the stairways of the Berlin subway, read with keen eyes even by Storm Troopers—tiny thin paper leaflets are flooding the Third Reich:

"Workers, farmers, soldiers! Working people of Germany! Hitler is sending German soldiers to Spain because Franco's hordes cannot conquer Madrid. In order to save Krupp's millions, he sells the sons of his country to foreigners, like the German princelings of old.

"Hitler has already spent hundreds of millions in the Spanish war. In order that Franco may have more guns, the German people must eat less butter. 'Not allow your sons to be sent to war as mercenaries, in order that Krupp may gain. German youth, be soldiers of freedom. Stretch out your hands to your Spanish fellow workers. Fraternize with the heroic defenders of Madrid. Strengthen the glorious International Column.'

Eagerly the words are read. Here and there in the factories a workman turns to his mate, smiling. Madrid has not fallen, although Goebbels radios have screamed out the 'news' of its capture.

At the bottom of the tiny paper are the letters "K.P.D."—the Communist Party of Germany.

Japanese Workers Organize Against Food Crisis

TOKYO.—Nazi Germany's internal food crisis is finding its counterpart in Japan, where the working class is organizing to fight mass hunger.

Since the new year prices of foodstuffs and other staples have risen from 10 to 30 percent, and in some cases as much as 50 percent, even in the big public markets of Tokyo and Osaka where rice and fish, main items of the Japanese diet, are sold.

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INTERNATIONAL COLUMN WILL LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF SPANISH PEOPLE DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

Famous Anti-Fascists From Many Nations Fight to Save Madrid From Franco and His Nazi, Italian Allies

MADRID—Forever in the heart of the Spanish people and friends of democracy, will live the gallant members of the International Column, who came from all over the world to defend the constitutional Spanish government against Fascism.

The International Column has played a stirring role in the defense of Madrid, and it symbolizes the international solidarity of the democratic people with Spanish democracy.

Fought With Red Army
Commander of the column is General Emil Kiebler. Born in Austria, Kiebler was drafted into the Austrian army and later found himself fighting as an officer against the Red Army of the U.S.S.R. Kiebler deserted to the Red Army.

Kiebler fought with the Red Army and then went to Canada, where he became a naturalized citizen. When the Spanish civil war started, he offered his services to the government, and he and the International Column went into action on the day the Fascists' siege of Madrid started.

Lieut. Col. Randolph Pacciardi is a lawyer and intellectual, who served in the Italian Army with such valor in the World War he was given the highest award. After the war, he entered politics as a republican and formed a war veterans' organization. In a famous law case, Pacciardi successfully defended a Socialist newspaper in Ferrara against attack by Italo Balbo, now Fascist governor general of Libya. After Mussolini came to power, he had to leave Italy.

With Pacciardi are Pietro Nenni, one of the two political advisers of the Column, an intellectual who was a friend of Mussolini before the war when Mussolini was a member of the Socialist Party; and Umberto Balliani, a director of the New York Stampa Libera, anti-Fascist newspaper.

Among the anti-Fascist Germans in the Column is a man, known only as Hans, who was an officer in the German army in the war. He helped the Asturian miners in the 1934 revolt in Spain, then went to France. When the civil war broke out in Spain, he left his wife and his job, as he says, "to defend liberty."

Gusta Peglar, German author and a Catholic, is also in the Column. One of his best known books is a bout the Saar, "Under Crossfire," an anti-Nazi novel.

Another German political commissar was Hans Beimler, who was a Communist Deputy in the Reichstag before Hitler, and who was imprisoned in the Dachau concentration camp, from which he escaped. Beimler was killed in action early last December, and his loss has been deeply felt throughout the Column.

Ernst is a French worker who volunteered. The day he was called his father died, but he went the next day, leaving a family and a good job. When asked why, he simply said: "I just felt I had to go."

A young Englishman fighting with the Column is David MacKenzie, son of the Read Admiral of that name in the British Navy. With him is Esmond Romilly, 19, nephew of Winston Churchill.

Another German is Alois Weisbaerber, who comes from the Saar. He was a metal worker and organized an anti-Nazi Catholic Party, so he had to leave the Saar when the plebiscite went for Hitler. He is now the star ambulance driver of the Column.

Andre Malraux, the famous French novelist, is with the Column.

Commander of the 12th Brigade of the International Column is General Lukace, who was an officer in the Hungarian

Spain's Political Commissars Are Of Great Value

By HUGH SLATER

MADRID.—Two months ago the various political parties of the Spanish People's Front (Republican Union, Left Republicans, Socialists, Communists and Anarchists) were asked to nominate suitable members to work with the Spanish people's army as political commissars.

Political commissars are attached with full military rank and authority to divisions, brigades, regiments, companies, battalions, and even platoons. Their function is to organize and develop political conviction and soldiers.

Their work varies from teaching the illiterate to read and write, to ensuring that gas masks are understood and fitted properly.

Political commissars organize lectures and discussions on such subjects as the meaning of Fascism. They read and explain the daily papers, and deal by explanation and discussion with drunkenness, breaking barracks, and all matters of discipline. They have a special responsibility for vigilance against suspicious characters and espionage. One of their most important responsibilities is publication of regimental newspapers.

A special periodical, "El Comissar," serves to help and train commissars, with leading articles on the most vital problems of the moment; for example, the need for intensive psychological preparation among the troops for an even more furious Fascist attack. It argues against any slackening of vigilance, or allowing our successes in beating off all previous attempts by the Fascists to capture Madrid, to lull us into a sense of security.

The second issue develops the theme of attack as the best defense. Of all organizations, the Communist Party has probably been the most active. On the Central front, for instance, 80 percent of the political commissars are Communists.

In general, political commissars have been of the greatest value to the people's army. They have already gained for themselves a reputation for heroism in the firing line. By their personal example and political conviction, they are helping to build an army that nobody can defeat.

Mexico Oil Strike

MEXICO CITY.—In protest against the Federal Labor Department for suspending negotiations for a blanket labor contract for all oil workers, 18,000 members of the Oil Workers' Syndicate walked out in a 24-hour general strike last week.

Hussars during the World War. Later he fought in the Soviet Red Army against Kolchak's internationalist army. Asked why he came to help the Spanish people, he gave three reasons: because he hates Hitler, and "this is Hitler's war"; because Franco is killing women and children, and because he has democratic ideals.

Coming from all nations, these heroic anti-Fascists symbolize the world fight of forces for democracy against Fascism, destruction and war.

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Farmer-Laborites Support People's Peace Program

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A people's peace program was unanimously adopted by the Hennepin County convention of the Farmer-Labor Association meeting here, for submission to the coming state convention of the Association.

The program included demand that the embargo on sale of war materials to the Spanish government be lifted.

Building of a broad people's peace movement, as recommended by Secretary of State Cordell Hull in his recent speech at the Inter-American Peace Conference, was proposed, to be based on the trade unions, farmers, organizations, churches, women's clubs, youth groups and other mass organizations, "to exert collective influence on the foreign policy of the government in the interests of the people, to check war-makers, combat Fascism, and make the United States an outstanding world force for peace."

Cooperation With Soviet Union

The program called for development of a unified peace policy based on keeping out of war by cooperating to keep war out of the world, requiring strengthening of collective security by collaboration with the League of Nations, the Soviet Union and with all peace forces throughout the world against the war-instigators—Germany, Italy, Japan.

Discarding the Monroe Doctrine, ending U.S. intervention in affairs of small American nations, and granting of full independence to Puerto Rico were included in the resolution.

"The billions now spent on war preparations must be utilized for the relief of the unemployed, for the financing of social, educational and health legislation on an adequate scale," the resolution stated.

"The American youth must be freed from compulsory military training and military control in the C.C.C. must be ended as provided in the Nye-Kvale bill."

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SOVIET UNION BUDGET GAINS FOR WORKERS

Bigger Income Means More Comfort and Culture Planned

MOSCOW.—Figuring a budget for 1937 is far different from budgeting in the United States, where hundreds of thousands of workers face loss of WPA jobs and a big slash in relief.

New sources of income and greater-than-planned success of Soviet industry and collective farms, permitted expenditures last year in excess of the budget, the Soviet Union Central Executive Committee reported, and this year's income will permit still greater gains for the Soviet people.

For Culture and Comfort

The additional income means further expansion of industry, greater quantity of goods, greater quantities transported, agricultural improvements, new school buildings, hospitals, theaters, palaces of culture, and general improvements in the culture and comfort of the people.

It also means the Workers' and Farmers' Army will be still better equipped.

The Soviet Union's budget is based on socialist economy and socialist property, and its increase is thus both a proof of the people's prosperity and well being and a guarantee of further prosperity.

DOCKERS HELP SPAIN

LONDON.—Longshoremen and other port workers here have offered to load without pay the Spanish food ship as an action of solidarity toward the Spanish people in their fight against Fascism.

Stalin Is "A Real Man," Says Famed German Author

MOSCOW.—"My first impression when I saw Stalin was that of directness and frankness, and in the course of a discussion lasting many hours, I could not see a single gesture that could be called posing," said Lion Feuchtwanger, German author, in a radio speech here.

"Stalin is clear to the point of sharpness in his words," he continued. "He is ready to argue. He firmly defends what he says. He is not excessively polite, but on the other hand, is not in the least insulted if his partner in the discussion attacks his position."

Why Soviet People Love Stalin

"Stalin speaks with an openness which impresses, but he doesn't forego a certain, almost kindly, mischievousness. He has humor and he understands humor very well."

"One quickly realizes why the masses not only respect but love Stalin. He is part of themselves. He is the true representative of the 160,000,000 people of the Soviet Union—and in that way more dignified than any artist could imagine. At the same time, he manifests his inner contradictions, and nothing human is foreign to him."

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Hear Edward M. McLarty, chairman Continuations Committee speak on "Makers, Fakers and Takers," Friday, January 29, 7:30 p. m., Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring St. Adm. 10c. Aup. Friends of Labor's Press.

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Poor Farmers In Yucaipa Valley Lose Their Peach Trees

THUG ATTACKS UNION PICKET IN SAN DIEGO

Second Provocation
By Anti-Labor Bosses

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN DIEGO—Joe Solomon, member of the Laborers and Hodcarriers' Union, and also a member of the Retail Clerks' Union, was beaten up on the picket line before a Pay'n-Takit Store at 12th and Market Street Monday evening January 11. Joe Solomon has been donating his time in the Safeway strike for almost three months to help the Butchers' and Teamsters' unions.

Monday morning he was injured on the job where he was working, tearing the ligaments in his hand, and had to go to a doctor for emergency treatment.

Joe went out on the picket line at his customary place that afternoon, and soon a Mrs. Freedman came out of the store and began abusing him for trying to sign up one of her husband's clerks into the Retail Clerks' Union. This clerk, a friend of Joe's, worked at the Bay City Liquor Store at 30th and Main Street, one of a chain of liquor stores which Mr. Freedman owned.

Brutally Attacked
Joe said that he had a perfect right to talk to her husband's clerks, and that he would continue to do so, whereupon Mrs. Freedman rushed away to get her husband.

A few minutes later Mr. Freedman arrived with a burly friend and immediately attacked and began beating Joe up, although Joe's right hand was bandaged. Freedman shouted to passers-by that Joe had insulted his wife, which was an out-and-out lie.

There being no other pickets around at the time, Joe was incapable of defending himself and as a result was badly beaten.

Teamster Was Attacked
This brutal attack on San Diego peaceful pickets is reminiscent of the occurrence two months ago when "Curly" McLaughlin was struck over the head with a milk bottle at the same store by a Safeway Store employee who said: "I ain't got no use for guys what asks me to join a union."

The rat who attacked "Curly," who is a militant member of the Teamsters' Union, struck him directly across the face with the quart bottle, shattering it and opening a deep gash a half inch above his eye, which took three stitches to close. By a lucky break, "Curly's" eyes were not put out.

It's Past Time to Retire This Anti-Labor Judge

By a Worker Correspondent
GLENDALE.—The Glendale "News Press" prints an article about Police Judge Lowe, who has been in his job for the last 20 years, always representing the rich people.

This man spent 15 minutes in court ridiculing WPA workers, "who don't work but lean on their shovels, who are too lazy to work."

Fellow workers, isn't it time we retired such "do-dos" in their dotage? On various occasions I have watched tired men in greasy overalls come before this man for traffic infractions and more serious charges and get 30 days in jail, while slightly bored but well-dressed individuals paid a \$10 fine and equally bored strolled out of the court room.

Cost of Living Is Still Going Up Throughout U.S.

WASHINGTON.—It's costing more to live every month, figures in the monthly survey of the National Industrial Conference Board, revealed.

The cost of living at the end of 1936 was 2.6 percent above 1935, and 20.1 percent above April, 1933.

From last November to December, living costs advanced 3 percent. Food prices increased 1.5 percent, raising them 1.1 percent above the level of December, 1935, and 34.6 percent above the low point of 1933.

Rents advanced .5 percent, clothing .1 percent and coal .1 percent.

Room for You!

More room for more correspondents! With this issue, all advertisements have been moved off this Workers' Correspondence Page to take care of the increased news being sent in by our correspondents in farm and factory, throughout California.

So let's have your story in right away! And ask for a bundle of the issue it appears in, so you can circulate it among your fellow-workers and friends (rates 2½ cents per copy to correspondents). Then ask the readers if this paper isn't worth donating to, and get contributions for our \$12,000 financial drive!

Remember—book prizes of great value are still being offered to the writer of the best story of the week. Latest winner comes from the Chevrolet plant, over in Oakland, where great struggles are looming as the auto industry is organizing under the CIO. He receives "The Coming Struggle for Power," by John Strachey, but before we can send him the book, he'll have to send us his address.

Lenin's "Imperialism" is the prize for the best story in this issue and the next. The prize for the following week will be "Spain in Revolt," by Harry Gannes and Theodore Repard.

Write YOUR story today! Address Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

San Francisco Recruiting Conference

(By State Organization Commission)

San Francisco Party Builders were proud at their Conference Jan. 9 when they heard County Organizer Spector announce the County recruited 517 new Party members since Sept. 7, with two weeks to go.

"Spark plugs" of the Drive adopted an additional quota of 100 members by the Congress, total of 617. They personally signed new pledges to recruit 55 new members.

They realized they should also be held responsible for aiding slower comrades in their units and sections to recruit five by Jan. 21, to become fraternal delegates and pledged that every comrade in their units will have at least one recruit.

When Comrade F. Waterfront Section, walked in, he was greeted with warm applause for his fine work in recruiting 29 new members, qualifying as Party Builder No. 1 in California.

"It is an easy task to recruit, but it is more difficult to see that the new comrade is attending new members' units and fraction meetings." He felt the main question should not only be "How many did you recruit?" but also "How many have you brought into new members' units?" and "How many of your recruits are attending their fractions?"

LABOR AND POLITICS In California and Nationally

By John Broman

"ALL GROUPS IN OUR POPULATION will welcome a guarantee that no new taxes will be levied by the state."

Particularly Mr. Hearst, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Fleischacker, and the other "solid citizens" of wealth in California—eh, Governor Merriam?

In his budget message to the State Legislature, Merriam tried to paint a rosy picture, tried to present a lot of figures and financial statements to prove that everything is hunky-dory in California. But he couldn't quite make the grade with his rosy picture.

Sales Tax Repeal . . .

First of all, Merriam wants the present tax structure just as it is, and particularly doesn't want the sales tax—which hits the working people—wiped off the books, or the income tax hiked up.

At least 90 per cent of the tax burden is borne by those least able to pay, while those mostly able to pay—the rich—pay very little.

On this basis, Merriam promised to "balance the budget"—on the backs of the working people—and forecast a surplus of \$21,000,000 two years hence if the Legislature does not authorize expenditures in excess of the budget.

But the governor's budget toples over when we read the statement in his speech: "At the present time the average expenditure for relief and administration per case per month is

Dollar Debutante Parties Take Up Ship Subsidies

By a Worker Correspondent.

PALO ALTO.—The San Francisco Chronicle records a whole series of affairs for Miss Diana Dollar, who is going to get married.

I ask you, how about a few subsidy parties for the maritime workers, in place of the Dollar debutante parties? The Dollars and the other ship-owners, you know, can't afford decent wages for seamen and hiring halls and overtime pay, etc!.

Congress Proposes 50 Amendments to U.S. Constitution

WASHINGTON.—Nearly 50 amendments to the Constitution have been proposed in the 75th Congress.

Popular initiation of legislation, granting women equal rights with men, popular election of federal judges, now appointed by the President; electoral college changes, are among some of the amendments proposed.

Six amendments limiting the government's power to declare war, reflect the mass peace sentiments of the American people. Senator Sheppard, Texas, still hasn't given up the 18th Amendment which he authored. He introduced two amendments, both to repeal the 21st Amendment, which repealed the prohibition amendment.

This then would probably have resulted in a victory for the bosses at the expense of the workers.

Just picture the pressers on strike, with the drivers and spotters working because their contracts don't expire until some time later, therefore being compelled to work. This would be the set-up under the craft form of organization. The craft form is what Wm. Green and his pals would have. This is in keeping with their policy of cooperating with bosses to the extent that the Committee for Industrial Organization, headed by John L. Lewis, was suspended from the AFL.

Fortunately, this did not halt the CIO, and since then it has made great strides, organizing tens of thousands of workers in basic industry.

The Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers Union is fortunate in having a militant and progressive rank-and-file, with officers that are responsible to the membership, and the industrial form of organization.

As long as there is democracy in the organization, it will continue to go forward. (Watch for further articles in following issues.)

This program is desperately needed by hundreds of thousands of California's citizens, and must be put over. It needs financing. How can it be financed? Very simply, by taxing those who can afford to pay, by taxing the rich—not only to finance this new legislation, but to take up the slack that must be caused by repealing the sales tax.

Taxing the rich is going to be awfully tough for Governor Merriam to swallow, and even tougher for him to tell his bosses about—the Gianninis, Hearsts, Chandlers, Dollars, Fleischackers, Matsons, etc.

And it's going to cause terrible hardships on the Gianninis, Hearsts, etc., who will have to drop a few race horses from their stables, or who will be down to their last yacht.

CLEANERS WON BY INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

Progressive Officers Set Up Machinery To Organize

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—Many probably wonder still as to how the cleaners were able to organize a majority of the workers in the industry so suddenly, with such little apparent effort.

In the past the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers Union had found its membership now increasing and then decreasing. Many members had given up hope. Then suddenly, with an explosion, the thing was done. Thomas and Alec's largest plant in town, was signed up after a two-day strike, very little struggle.

Prior to the election of the new set of officers, the union was carrying on a battle on two fronts, both within the union and with the bosses. Those of the old set that were progressive found barriers and obstacles within the organization. These obstacles were die-hards functioning as leaders.

Reactionaries Removed
Because of the consistent fight that the progressives put up, they were able to keep the union together. (Attempts were made to split the union by transferring the drivers to the teamsters.)

As time went on, the rank-and-file became aware of the necessity to demote those leaders who had retarded the growth of the union. So in a new election this was done. Those that were progressive were reelected, and those that were not were replaced.

This new set immediately set up the machinery to organize the unorganized into the union.

Industrial Set-up Is Key
However, they had an advantage very few labor-unions possess—namely, the form of organization under which the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers Union was organized the industrial form.

This is the key to the question as to how it was done so quickly. The industrial form calls for one shop, one industry with one union.

Had the cleaners been divided into various groups involving crafts (Pressers Union, Dyers Union, Spotters Union, Drivers Union, etc.), with separate locals, each with its own set of officers, meeting separately, all on different dates, with a business agent for each local, with separate contracts for each craft expiring on different dates, requiring each local to take separate votes, it would have found itself involved in a lot of red tape.

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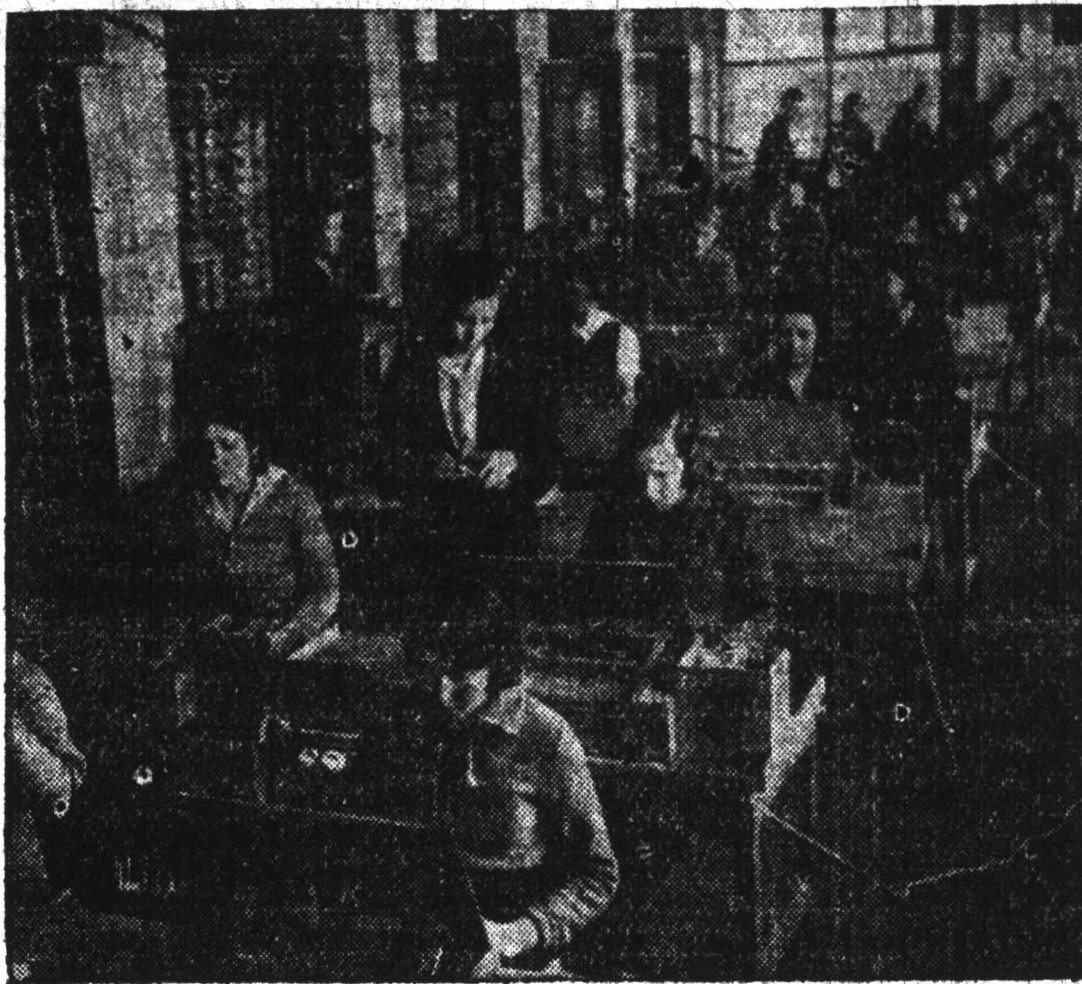
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Ranch for Sale

One of the hardest-hit men in Yucaipa Valley is A. H. Smith, who had two-thirds of his 14 acres of peach orchard uprooted—hardest hit because he is already in his 60th year, has a large family and a mortgage due July 1st. If anyone wants land—five, 10 or 13 acres—in this beautiful, long-settled valley, you can buy it dirt cheap by writing to

A. H. SMITH,
Star Route, Box 67,
Redlands, California.

Over 100,000,000 Heads to Count



GIRLS IN a government office in Moscow receiving instructions on the operation of machines known as certifiers, which are being used to ascertain the exact number of inhabitants of the Soviet Union. With a thorough-going system of child and maternal welfare, population increases fast.

Single Jobless Will Meet to Get Organized

By a Worker Correspondent.

LODI.—Single unemployed workers of California are to meet in Sacramento February 5-6-7, for the purpose of demanding cash relief and other help.

This meeting will be a united front, so we are asking all organizations to print notice in their papers and to take part in this new work.

Single men need help and must eat. Single men need to organize. There are groups in Canada of this kind, so why not here?

ALASKA UNION REPORTS UNITY

Negotiations for 1937 Will Start Soon With Packers

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—In accord with reports made recently by Brother George Woolf, president of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, this union and the sister union, the Alaska Cannery and Farm Laborers' Union of Seattle, are practically one.

"For the benefit of both unions," Brother Woolf stated at a recent membership meeting of the A.C.W.U., "we must work in a brotherly manner. Both unions must pull together. That makes us more powerful, and our chances to better our conditions are much greater."

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SONOMA COUNTY LABOR ENEMIES

Santa Rosa Paper and Rural Press Wail for Profiteers

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA.—I am again tempted to write and draw your attention to certain events of the past and present that will help bring to the workers and yourselves a clear-cut picture of the reactionary element fighting labor under the name of law and order and otherwise misrepresenting the true facts which I will state forthwith.

False Statements
An advertisement in the Pacific Rural Press of January 21, did not appear in Bay District newspapers. It is printed under the headline: What Is "Hot Cargo?"

The Rural Press is absolutely false in that statement. You will find this scabby open-shop propaganda absolutely degenerate as those responsible for its publication. They ask what is "hot cargo." Any decent person knows the answer.

The whole filthy mess is signed "Wholesalers, Warehousemen and Distributors Committee," which probably stands for Vigilante Committee.

Wails for Scabby Concern
The Santa Rosa "Press-Democrat" also has an axe to grind, as may be interpreted in a story which means about a group of men "setting up a coast industrial dictatorship."

It mentions that the Poultry Producers of Central California has incurred a half million dollar loss at San Pedro. This is a scabby concern in Sonoma County. They had a warehouse union here a short time ago, but the concern discriminated against union men and discharged man after man on one pretense or another.

Not for Farmers
If the heads of this outfit in Petaluma thought so much of the farmers, they would not buy fish meal from importers, brought to San Francisco and smuggled past the revenue office under the name of fertilizer, for which purpose it was originally intended, nor would they buy soy bean meal from importers, labeled "product of Manchuria."

The two products are bought at a very cheap price in China and Japan and brought to America to be used in competition with American-raised corn, wheat and Pacific Coast fisheries products. This fishmeal is used in the manufacture of chicken mash, as is soy bean meal.

Liberal Columnist Fired From Job on San Diego Sun
By a Worker Correspondent
SAN DIEGO.—L. E. Claypool, liberal columnist and assistant editor of the San Diego Sun and part organizer of the newly-formed Newspaper Guild of San Diego, was dismissed without warning from his position on the Sun staff. The charge appears to have been "reduction in staff," and the parting was made with many crocodile tears.

Protests and cancellations of subscriptions are being made in large numbers to aid the reinstatement of Claypool, who has long been a sympathizer of progressives in the local labor movement. A mass meeting was called for Monday, January 18, at Eagles Hall, to demand that Claypool be put back on the newspaper.

Worst case of "rat tactics" was when a company spy abused a small newsboy because the boy gave information to a man in rainy weather as to where the nearest taxi was.

LIVELIHOOD IS TAKEN AWAY; FARMERS ARE NOT COMPENSATED FOR TREES ORDERED CUT DOWN

State Grange Tries to Help Poor Farmers Near Redlands Get Cash for Trees Hit by Peach Mosaic Disease

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA BARBARA.—Last September I visited my brother in Yucaipa Valley, seven miles from Redlands in San Bernardino County, California. This valley has long been well known for deciduous fruits—wonderful peaches, apples, plums, etc., it being in high altitude, too cold for citrus fruit. My brother owns 14 acres, mostly peaches, some apples.

Not long before I was there it seems the government horticultural inspectors had found a very serious disease—the peach mosaic—in many of the peach trees. Not all the peach trees had it, but many did in a territory approximately 30 miles or more square and centering in Yucaipa Valley.

Farmers Lost Their Trees
The inspectors marked each tree having the disease and the WPA workers were ordered to cut the trees down.

Many of the farmers were angry, even threatening violence. Some signed a paper permitting it.

No doubt the disease was serious enough to need eradicating. They said the trees would die in a few years from it, but a casual observer could not see it, and the fruit was as fine as ever. The inspectors said the fruit was perfectly good to eat, no harm in it. Plums, apples, etc., showed no disease of any kind.

Poor Deprived of Their Living
The farmers there are all poor, owning from five to 20 acres, hard workers, many mortgaged. One land was sold them some 20 years ago by a land company.

Of course the loss of the trees took away their living. No compensation was paid to them, and none was intended to be paid.

However, on January 12, 1937, the fruit growers are having a trial of some sort with the state in the county seat, San Bernardino, trying to get compensation for loss of the trees.

Grange to Help Farmers
Most of the farmers get their mail by Rural Delivery from Redlands, but in the same valley there is a prosperous little village (with excellent schools) named Yucaipa, and in this village is a big farmers' society or lodge, called the Grange. The farmers belong to the Grange, and the Grange is helping them.

The head master of the Grange is coming down from Sacramento to be present at the trial in San Bernardino, about their getting compensation. The same man will meet with the Yucaipa Grange on January 13 to help install new officers. So he will know all about it. I do not know his name, but, as he is the head of the State Grange, I thought your reporter might locate him and get information.

90,000 Trees Destroyed
I do not know definite details. I am under the impression that 90,000 peach trees were taken out, but I am not sure. No doubt the farm adviser or horticultural board of San Bernardino would give information, or possibly you know Communists from San Bernardino or Redlands who know all above it.

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VETS' BUREAU 'CONTACT MAN' IS VIGILANTE

Veteran Tells About Bad Conditions At Soldiers' Home

By a War Veteran

ROSEBURG, Oregon.—C. R. Christie is a Legionnaire ex-service man, who led a vigilante mob on the Burke Bldg. last year in Seattle, Wash., where a social science school was being conducted.

The mob, a deluded body of veterans along with Christie, were met inside of the building by the workers, who were attending the school. That resulted in a battle royal, the vigilantes getting a shellacking along with being hailed into court, to state the reasons for their zeal in upholding their peculiar brand of "100 per cent Americanism."

Christie, then as now, is employed as contact man by the U. S. Veterans' Bureau at a salary of about \$2000 a year, plus travel allowance and what have you. A contact man is supposed to look after veterans' ratings, claims and whatever else is on the minds of the veterans at American Lake, Wash.

A veteran asking for certain important papers having to do with his case, was told by Christie in his best prison language that he couldn't do anything for "you birds" while they were at the Lake, and "you don't seem to realize that you are supposed to be crazy."

Outside of a Dr. Neil, Christie is the most hated and least trusted man having to do with veterans at American Lake. There are a lot of veterans at the Lake who aren't crazy at all. They are there because the social sirens have framed them in order to get them off local relief rolls onto federal maintenance.

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San Diego Street Car Co. Playing Ratty Tricks

SAN DIEGO.—The Spreckels Street Car Company has asked its motormen, to take down license numbers of all cars whose drivers pick up anybody waiting for a streetcar.

The company then looks up the name of the owner and writes him a nasty letter demanding he never do it again.

Motormen are expected to hand in several license numbers a day, according to a motorman who talked to this correspondent.

Oil Workers' Organizing Drive Must be Prepared by Labor

PRAISE MARINE UNIONS' AID TO PICKET DRIVE

Building Council In S.F. Pledge \$2000 To Aid Repeal

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Building Trades Council has pledged \$2000 to aid the campaign for repeal of the San Francisco anti-picket law, which will be on the ballot March 9.

The Labor Council-Building Trades Council anti-picketing committee has urged an assessment of 25 cents for each trade union member to help fight for repeal of the vicious 20-year-old ordinance.

Secretary King of the campaign committee especially praises the maritime unions for the aid they have given in the campaign for repeal of the ordinance.

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, has announced that he, as the Federation's legislative representative, has had a bill introduced in Sacramento to legalize picketing.

Headquarters of the general campaign committee for repeal of the anti-picketing law have been opened at 1095 Market St., Room 409.

Furniture Unions Convene on Drive

LOS ANGELES.—To lay plans for a gigantic organizing campaign throughout the country's unorganized districts, five thousand furniture workers, will send representatives to Los Angeles, January 25, in the fourth convention of the Advisory Council of Furniture Workers.

Locals which will be present at the convention will be local 1505 Bellingham, Washington; 1007 Seattle, Washington; 1413, Grays Harbor, Washington; 1719, Tacoma, Washington; 1482, Portland, Oregon; 1886, Albany, Oregon; 1541, San Francisco, California; 1779, Oakland, California; 1516, Los Angeles, California.

In addition to mapping plans for organization of the unorganized furniture workers, the convention will discuss the establishment of a national wage scale for all furniture workers and also ways to promote the sale of Union-made furniture.

Along with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, of which the Furniture Workers is a chartered member, the union has achieved in many districts on the West Coast 100 percent organization where all workers must carry a union card in order to work in a furniture factory.

Recently the Brotherhood of Carpenters appointed Howard Bennett of Tacoma and John Murray of Los Angeles to represent the Furniture Workers on the coast and to aid in coordinating activities of organization.

Map L.A. Drive For Theater Employees

LOS ANGELES.—To plan organization of ushers, cashiers and other theatre employees, the executive board of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, powerful film industry union opened its first meeting in Hollywood in six years on Monday, January 11.

George E. Brown, president of the organization and recently elected vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, presided at the week-long meeting.

Chief among the problems discussed are the necessary organization of unorganized workers in the picture studios.

Seven vice-presidents of the union, secretary-treasurer, three trustees, and two AFL convention delegates participated in the sessions.

Culinary Internat'l Will Back Drive On Taverns with \$10,000

SAN FRANCISCO—The Culinary Crafts Alliance is preparing to seriously tackle the job of organizing the White Log Tavern Chain, which with the Foster restaurant chain is the most vicious open-shop outfit in the food industry here.

The International has assured the Alliance that it will back the effort to organize this chain to the extent of \$10,000.

Civil Liberties Is Topic In East Bay Labor Forum

OAKLAND.—"Civil Liberties" is the subject of the Labor Forum of the Central Labor Council to be held in Carpenters' Hall, Sunday, January 31 at 8 p.m.

Speakers will be Walter Cowan, vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor and chairman of its Agricultural Committee, and Elena R. de Fremery, chairman of the Defense and Freedom Committees of Local 349, American Federation of Teachers.

Her topic will be "Freedom in Education." Questions and discussion by the audience will follow the principal address. Admission free.

This meeting is clearly important for friends of education and of the labor movement, as well as for teachers. Help to swell attendance; come and bring others.

A Labor Bill of Rights in L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Councilman Parley P. Christensen of the ninth district has presented a resolution to the Los Angeles city council providing for "collective bargaining, and to provide against violence and public disturbance in connection with Labor disputes," and will press for its passage, in which he will be aided by Organized Labor and other progressive citizens. The resolution follows:

Labor's Rights

"Whereas, It is the declared policy of the United States government, as set out in Sec. 151, Title 29, USCA (United States Code, Annotated), commonly called the Wagner act, to eliminate the cause of certain substantial obstructions to the free flow of commerce and to mitigate and eliminate these obstructions when they have occurred, by encouraging the practice and procedure of collective bargaining of workers of full freedom of association, self organization and designation of representatives of their own choosing, for the purpose of negotiating the terms and conditions of their employment for their mutual aid or protection; and

"Whereas, This council is of the opinion that the denial by employers to their employees of the right to organize and select representatives of their own choosing to negotiate the terms and conditions of employment, is a denial of the policy laid down by the United States government, leads to strikes and other forms of industrial unrest, which have the effect:

"(a) Of causing the assemblage of a large number of men, women and children in and about the premises of such employer.

"(b) Of straining the capacity of the police department when policing the area, thus depriving the public residing in other parts of the city of its right to the usual standard of police protection.

"(c) Of denying citizens their right to the full and free use of the streets and highways in the vicinity of the employer's premises.

"(d) Of creating generally evil consequences which are offensive to the morals, health and general welfare of the community at large.

"(e) Of creating a feeling of resentment among the citizens and residents of Los Angeles, who are not directly concerned with such collective bargaining and causing a real danger to life, limb and property; now

"Therefore, for the purposes of preventing danger of disorder arising out of the conditions described, be it

"Resolved, By this council that the city attorney be instructed to prepare draft of another ordinance providing that any contract or agreement of any kind for the performance of any work for the city of Los Angeles, or the furnishing of any goods, wares or merchandise to the city of Los Angeles, shall contain as a condition thereof, a provision for collective bargaining; and be it further

"Resolved, That no franchises be let or granted to any person unless such franchise contains a condition guaranteeing the right of collective bargaining."

Moulders Make Flat 15% Wage Increase Demands, Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO.—In negotiating for a new agreement, the Moulders Union is making a flat demand of a 15 per cent wage increase for all classification. The union also demands a 40-hour week.

Negotiations began on Monday, January 18.

BUZZELL TRIES TO KNIFE IDEA OF LABOR LAWS

Attack Upon Sacto. Meet Ought to Tickle Open Shoppers

LOS ANGELES.—Viciously attempting to forestall the growing movement of organized labor toward independent political action in Los Angeles, reactionary secretary of the Central Labor Council, J. W. Buzzell, brands the California Peoples' Legislative Conference as unrepresentative of labor.

The Knifing Act

In a letter dated January 14, addressed to all local unions in Los Angeles, Buzzell writes: "There are popping up a number of organizations under various names, the California Peoples' Legislative Conference, League for Constitutional Rights, and others, who label themselves as 'Labor' and who are submitting or proposing to submit to the legislature certain measures and earmarking them 'Labor' measures; and, in order to secure or establish some respectability for their claims to represent labor, they have, in various ways, used the names of certain Labor representatives."

Determined to isolate the trade unions from the militant surge toward a Farmer-Labor Party and to stifle the rank and file demands in the unions, Buzzell in his letter urges each union "not to send any communications to members of the legislature until called upon to do so by the State Federation of Labor or the Los Angeles Labor Council."

Kern County Labor Council Elects

BAKERSFIELD.—Nomination of officers for the 1937 term were opened by the Labor Council, and election and installation will take place Tuesday, January 26.

Postponement of election for one week was ordered in order to leave a date open for the proposed Longshoremen meeting in Bakersfield. Nominations made Tuesday night include:

President: Russell Fullerton, Josephine Rankin.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Russell Fullerton, C. E. Sheets, Harry Scribner.

Trustees: Josephine Rankin, Dave Gallup, W. A. Starr, C. C. Sheets, Herman W. Phillips, Harry Scribner, Russell Fullerton, Frank H. Lowe, T. J. Conarty, George McNeil.

Executive Board: W. A. Wallace, Sam Smith, Al Sessions, Clyde Champion.

Kroehler Men Hold Tight After 4 Mos.

SAN FRANCISCO.—On Jan. 21 the strike of the 100 Kroehler Manufacturing Co. workers was four months old, yet the strikers' ranks were as solid as the day the strike started.

"The plant will stay shut down or open under union conditions," the Upholsterers Union says.

It is significant that Chamber of Commerce attorneys are handling things for the company, whose plant in Inglewood, near Los Angeles is also struck.

For the past 14 weeks the members of the union have been paying a 10 per cent levy to support the Kroehler strikers.

Despite the fact that the strike is on, the union has voted \$100 to aid the maritime workers' strike.

L.A. Box and Crate Makers Join the Family of Unions

LOS ANGELES.—A charter has been granted to the recently organized Box and Crate Makers Local in Los Angeles by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

"The Furniture Worker," official organ of the furniture workers locals throughout the United States, states:

"Raises have been received as the result of the organization of the workers in the box and crating factories in this district. Many workers state they have received their first raises since the establishment of the NRA. The Box Makers' Local was started only six weeks ago and clearly shows the benefits of organization."

Long Beach Meeting Reveals Danger of Reactionary Move

By TOM PATTERSON

Most striking of the public announcements coming out of the recent meeting in Long Beach of the international executive council of the Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America was one by President Harvey Fremming that a mass drive to organize a million oil workers would be started about April first under the direct supervision of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

It is an announcement that oil workers everywhere have greeted heartily. Highly important also is the fact that Fremming included in this number of organizable oil workers the thousands employed in service stations, who for the most part have had to organize their own federal locals heretofore, in spite of the fact that the Oil Workers' Union has jurisdiction over them.

Certainly this should mean that Oil Workers' locals should in the near future receive instructions as to the organization of local committees into which not only the oil locals, but the entire labor movement in the oil regions should be drawn into collaboration.

Prepare to make it a real drive.

It would logically follow that preliminary arrangements should be started to set up oil workers' at present hired.

Calloway is quite a friend of William Green's policies. Fremming and his cohorts on the executive council repeat their assurances that they stand heartily for the C.I.O.

It would seem that this preliminary move bears a strong resemblance to the means that J. C. Coulter and other local reactionaries have taken in the past to displace, and in effect sabotage, any organized "drive." The truth stood out more clearly when it was pointed out by numerous members of the local that no steps whatever had been taken to organize, publicize and properly guide the excellent work being undertaken without any help or guidance by numerous hard-working members of the local.

More lies behind the railroad-ing of the Calloway deal.

What lies behind

It is no very well kept secret that all was not sweetness and harmony in the executive council's meeting.

If the Fremming group has one foremost idea, it is not primarily the task of organizing the oil workers. It is that of remaining in office, and oil workers know that this group lost one key stronghold when E. C. Conerty of Hammond, Ind., replaced John L. Coulter as in-

Coulter In Oil Union Has Plenty to Learn From Auto



THE Oil Workers' Union has announced a drive to organize a million workers in all branches of the industry. Democracy in union, as in United Auto Union, would aid drive. Photo shows Mich. Governor conferring on auto strike.

organizing committees through the Long Beach, Los Angeles and San Pedro-Wilmington Central Labor Councils, through the Contra Costa County and nearby labor councils, perhaps also in Kern County.

President Fremming was certainly correct when he said that publicity attendant on the meeting in Long Beach has created a more favorable situation in that area.

Already the situation had been looking up. Shop stewards and other union members, without even the benefit of an organized program and accompanying publicity, had been bringing back old members and bringing in new.

Very encouraging also has been the announcement that the Richfield Company, recently taken over by the Sinclair interests nationally, will come under the national Sinclair agreement on January 23 and that a five per cent wage increase will be given.

Sinclair's policy has been to keep a union agreement, with a clause making it inapplicable on 30-day notice which gives him credit for "liberality" without much sacrifice.

Without paying any more money, and in most cases not as much, as Shell, Standard and other more openly anti-union companies, he can leave the expense of the heavy anti-union campaign to them. The union very properly has taken advantage of policy, but the only guarantee that it will ever mean a real improvement in conditions is to buttress it up by establishing functioning shop committees and recruiting all Richfield and other workers into the union around a program calling for a general increase in wages and union agreement with all companies.

Don't let it be a sedative

The wage increase has exactly the same intention as those given recently in steel: to lure the workers and keep them from militant organization by small and inadequate concessions.

Hence, it must be the signal for a go-ahead drive, not a rest on scanty laurels that could easily become quicksand.

President Fremming and J. C. Coulter, however, have put over a deal which makes one suspect very strongly that there is a fly in the ointment. Taking advantage of the exultation over the Richfield situation, Coulter managed to put R. B. Calloway of Kentucky on the local's payroll at \$250 per month and expenses, a figure that will cost the local at least \$1000 for the three months for which he is

ternational secretary at the last convention. But for a horse trade in which progressives secured the liberalization of the constitution, perhaps Fremming and others would have been swept out.

It is understood that Conerty found the books rather in a mess at the time he took over, but since that time he has seen to it that money has been thrown around less freely, that debts are being liquidated as fast as possible, and that five per cent of income is allotted to building up a defense fund.

Long Beach local being a stronghold of the Coulter-Fremming-Coulter group, a stronghold that is witnessing the rise of progressive tendencies, it is small wonder that President Fremming would want to help Brother James C. Coulter to put on the damper. The development of a mass militant movement in Long Beach would help the oil workers, but President Fremming is not so certain it would help him.

Nothing to fear if he really leads

President Fremming is in a position where he must give some response to the mass demand for action and organization, but his fear of losing control resembles that of the Green-Wall-Wharton clique.

We believe that President Fremming should lose this fear. If he should actually emerge as a militant leader and organizer of masses, we do not believe that the oil workers would hold his service in contempt. We also believe they are going to organize, and President Fremming has more to fear from refusing to do everything in his power to aid the process.

He certainly did no credit to himself nor to his pretensions of militancy when he recommended Calloway to Long Beach.

It was a move accounted for not by any sincere desire to organize the oil workers, but by fear. Members of Long Beach local include Fremming himself and James C. Coulter, who is an international vice-president. Assigned to the territory and attending the local regularity is Fred Phillips, former international vice-president and coordinator and organizer for the state council of the union.

If they had pursued a militant course in the past they would not need bolstering up now to keep from "losing face." If they take the course promised in the future they still won't need it.

The question is, will they take this course?

Fletchers move must be combatted

The failure of the reactionary

representatives to official positions in the Labor Council and effort which Fletcher and others hope will result in the complete isolation or even withdrawal of the oil workers.

The responsibility for this labor-splitting maneuver must be placed definitely at the door of Fletcher and his reactionary associates. It must be repudiated.

The oil workers can end the isolation

But it will only be repudiated by carrying the campaign of the oil workers to the rank and file of labor, through sending oil workers' representatives to speak to the local unions. Coulter and Crail have allowed this situation to develop unhampered because they refused to inaugurate such a campaign. It must be inaugurated even if this means that the members of Local 128 must take matters into their own hands, at least to the extent of drawing up a campaign program that will involve more than one paid reactionary organizer whose main purpose is undoubtedly to mend the Fremming - Coulter political fences.

On other matters, President Fremming indicated a change of mind over that of May, 1935—in one respect dangerous, in another encouraging. His telegram to the Long Beach local at that time may have been too hasty to have considered all angles, but it said: "The position of the oil workers has never been made secure by virtue of legislation," which of course is true, but continued, "We alone can control and guide our own destinies."

Use all possible organizing aids

In the L. A. Daily News of January 7, page 12, he is quoted as saying "An amicable agreement with employers will be sought, but if not obtained congressional action will be asked, either through a labor amendment to the Ickes Oil Bill or by new legislation drafted along lines of the Guffy coal bill."

The danger is that despite the promises of a mass organizing campaign, President Fremming will want to rely again on a mere legislative program.

Both are necessary, the one aiding the other. We have no fear of hesitancy on the part of President Fremming to institute a legislative campaign. The fear is all on the question of the organizing campaign.

One very favorable development seems to have reached definite conclusion at the recent council meeting. The rig builders of Texas and mid-continent fields were finally accepted back into the union. They had left when one of their most mil-

THE SIT-DOWN STRIKE IN THE CALIFORNIA COTTON MILL CO. AS TOLD BY ONE WHO STRUCK

Not a Worker Would Budge Until Company Was Willing to Take a Reasonable Attitude on Workers Demands

By a "SIT-DOWNER"

OAKLAND.—Even after we went back to work, ending our four months' strike last September the California Cotton Mills Company tried to discriminate against Union people in every way they possibly could.

The very fact that the company was beaten and we went back victorious wearing our Union buttons, hurt them more than the conditions they had to concede. We got full Union recognition, although the company boasted for 53 years that there never will be union conditions.

Union Backs Them Up

It certainly feels good now to work knowing that the union will back us up in case of any attempt to worsen conditions. One blessing we have now which is more than anything else is that the nerve wrecking Budeau system was done away with. Another good thing is that we do not give any more of our own time to clean cut ends, etc. as we used to be forced to do before the strike. Sometimes we had to give over an hour free time to the company.

We have seniority rights and feel secure on our job. Also \$2 a week extra pay is certainly a good thing. In short we feel very happy to work here and feel like putting in our time as Union people should, but the company still feels that they can beat us and return old rotten conditions.

Since we went back there has been less than 20 cases of discrimination. We immediately stepped in and fought them and won out. On several cases, especially such where the company was able to frame the workers we lost out.

When we went out on strike about 7 straw bosses who were only job dispensers, but had no right to hire and fire, joined our union. Some of them were very active in the strike, giving their time day as well as permitting the use of their machines for strike duty. When we went back to work they were told in no uncertain terms that they must immediately resign from all committees and quit attending union meetings or else.

Few complied with their wishes until the union told them that they must attend union meetings regardless and that we will back them up, others attended anyway. The upshot was that one of these straw bosses was demoted for "spoiling machinery," which most of the union people still think was a frame-up. Several others had their rights curbed and a fourth was found "inefficient." This last case of "inefficiency" was all that we could stand.

On Thursday night prior to New Years he was told to come in to work not as a second hand fixer. Another man who was also a second hand and a union man in another department was told to come in as a second hand in both departments. A very clever trick on the part of the management. They felt because they were promoting a union man who was to take this man's place that we would not say anything. But the membership were wise. We have nothing against the man who was promoted, but we know the company's trick. If we let the matter slide and do not fight this man, then the one who was promoted will be found "inefficient" very soon after and they will demote him. They know we will have a week case to fight if a man was promoted and did not live up to their "expectation" and then they will be in a position to put any one they want in. That is exactly what they wanted done. Well we saw thru it.

Monday morning the workers got in the mill and looked up the committee who were instructed on Sunday by the meeting of the union to see the management first thing in the morning. The committee were not able to

get the management to hold a meeting soon. Of course the company's aim was that the workers start working without their second-hand and that would weaken the fight, so they stalled meeting with the Union committee.

At 10 a. m., without any leadership, but a sure resentment spread and immediately the whole spinning-spinning department stopped working, the power was shut off and all sat down at their machines.

A few minutes later the other spinning department sat down. It began to spread to other departments. The management was amazed. They stormed and threatened, telling us we were fired, that we must get out if we did not intend to move, that the management was going to throw us out, that our pay was stopped, etc.

No One Moved

Not one moved. Even the non-union people whom the management felt we could not move our way, sat down and no plea of the company could move them. This showed the company very plainly whose lead the workers will follow—that of the Union, and that the Union is the agency of the workers in the mill.

The management got in touch with the committee, they called up our organizer, Sonia Balthum, who immediately appeared and the committee went in to meet. Government conciliator Mr. Mathewson was called in by the organizer. In the meantime the strikers just sat there and the day was close to an end. We were prepared to stay all night and sent word out through shop committee that our families prepare lunch and warm clothing and bring it to the mill and we would hoist it in through the windows.

Finally the company agreed to meet the following morning with the government conciliator present. We started to work at 4:30 p. m.

I think this will show the company that we suffered to win Union conditions and we will retain them. It will show them that an injury to one is an injury to all and we mean to stick together.

The case went to the Labor Relations Board the following morning, with Mr. Mathewson stating that we had grounds to feel that it was discrimination. The organized signed the complaint. The Union person in question will work for the same pay pending the board's investigation.

Long Beach Culinary Alliance Goes Over 400 Member Mark

LONG BEACH.—For the first time in many years the membership in Culinary Workers Local 681 has passed the 400 mark, according to Jack Arnold, business representative of the union in Long Beach and vicinity, in his report to the Central Labor County Tuesday.

New applications are being received daily, and union house cards are being displayed in many places for the first time.

Arnold also reported that the Coffee Shop in the Greyhound Bus Depot has signed a union contract, and will display the union house card and the girls will wear a union button.

MEBA in East Stays On Strike on All Intercoast Ships

NEW YORK.—Although members of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. have voted to call off their strike on the East Coast, they will remain on strike against intercoastal lines. They and the Masters, Mates and Pilots will continue picketing of West Coast ships.

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To Communist Party, California, \$17.50 from Silent Chains No. 5 and 8.